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ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ACCESS PATHWAY

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Wirltu Yarl'u
Aboriginal Education

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people may apply for entry into preparatory and undergraduate programs at the University of Adelaide through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway. Potential candidates will be required to submit a detailed application. Determinants of suitability include a candidates' educational background; employment history and relative skills; and their preparedness to undertake university study.

A candidate may participate in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway even though they may have direct access on the basis of their ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank).

Coverage

To be eligible for consideration for entry under this pathway, an applicant must be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in accordance with the Commonwealth definition, which requires that the applicant:

- Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, and
- Identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and
- Be accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which he/she lives or has lived.

Selection Program

The selection process is divided into two parts – written application and an interview. Applicants will be requested to complete the application form which includes the following information:

- Education background;
- Employment background;
- Other interests or involvement which will indicate prior learning abilities and skills;
- An applicant statement describing the applicant's interest in entering the course or preferred area of study;
- Evidence of being an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person (Certificate of Aboriginality or Descent Declaration).

Prior to the interview, applicants are required to complete a literacy and numeracy assessment; as well as a self-evaluation of their preparedness to undertake academic study. This information will be used to assist in the development of an individual Student Success Plan and remains confidential at all times.



Categories of entry through the Access Pathway. Are you:

A Year 12 student without the required ATAR?

Applicants will attend an interview and on receipt of Year 12 results, the potential candidate may be offered entry to their preferred undergraduate program as would any other candidate.

Completing year 12 student and won't be receiving an ATAR?

Applicants will attend an interview and upon completion of Year 12, the potential candidate may be offered entry to an undergraduate program, or to the University Preparatory Program (UPP).

A mature age student?

Applicants will attend an interview and together with the information provided in their application may be offered entry to their preferred undergraduate program or the University Preparatory Program (UPP).

An applicant to the CASM Foundation Year Program?

Applicants will attend an interview and a musical audition. They may be offered entry to the CASM Foundation Year Program. This offers a pathway into undergraduate music programs, upon completion. Please note, this requires a separate application form to the other three categories.

Note: Wirltu Yarlū is committed to providing all applicants with an opportunity to gain entry to the University of Adelaide. However applicants may be advised to first attend a Technical and Further Education (TAFE) program before returning to again entry through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway for admission at The University of Adelaide.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who gain entry to The University of Adelaide through the Access Pathway must attend the Wirltu Yarlū Orientation, prior to Orientation Week. Additionally, they must sign up for the Wirltu Yarlū Academic Mentoring Program (WYAMP) upon commencement of their studies and attend follow up appointments with their assigned Student Support Officer every six months during studies, as part of the Student Success Plan they will create when admitted via the Access Pathway.

All applicants must be 17 years of age prior to the start of the academic semester in which they wish to be admitted. Applicants are interviewed by Wirltu Yarlū and Faculty/School staff.

Please note that the Bachelor of Medicine/Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience), Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Musical Theatre have additional entry requirements. Please contact Wirltu Yarlū to discuss admission into these programs.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES

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