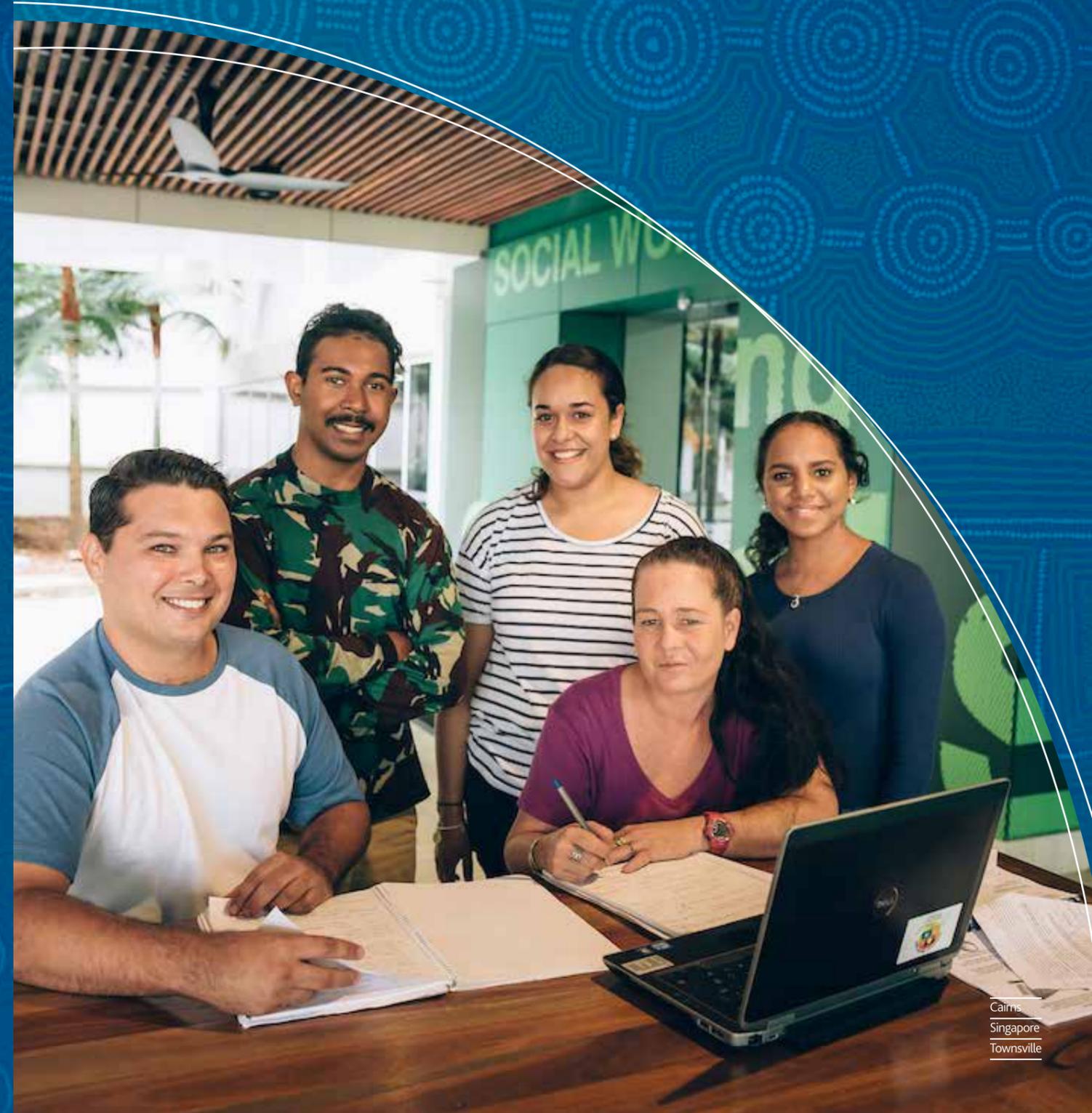


Indigenous Education and Research Centre

We're with you all the way

The team at the Centre is here to support you from the time you start thinking about studying right through to graduation and beyond. We offer a range of services and facilities in encouraging environments to empower you to achieve success.



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Welcome to the Indigenous Education and Research Centre

"I visit the Indigenous Education and Research Centre on the Cairns campus when I have questions or need some help with my assignments. The staff at the centre are a valuable resource, they answer any and all questions, and if they don't have the answer they will assist in any way possible to find out for me, which is amazing."

Michael Muhamad
Bachelor of Nursing Science student



Making the move to University can seem daunting. You may be first in your family to go to University, returning to study, or still at school and unsure what you want to do or you may not know the pathways to take to get into Uni. We are here to assist you through this transition so you can feel confident that you have all the support you need.

We are dedicated to helping you reach your full potential. The Centre is located at JCU's campuses in Townsville and Cairns. We offer mentoring, professional development opportunities, study sessions and much more. We have fantastic learning facilities and computer labs, which are open all day, every day and are in secure and monitored spaces.

Everyone learns differently. You may be a visual learner, a hands-on student, prefer to solve problems and put theory into practice, or have another style of learning. We understand that everyone learns at different levels and at their own pace. During your study, we strive to help you

become an independent learner. We can help you 'learn to learn' and develop ways to meet academic demands and expectations. Sometimes things don't run smoothly and we have many experts in our team who can help you build strategies and stay motivated. Think of us as family.

Complete support to reach your full potential

Our Indigenous Student Support Advisors support you throughout your degree. They provide mentoring, encouragement, and a safe environment, and can help you source further information, such as:

- Accommodation options
- Managing finances, including contacting Centrelink
- Applying for scholarships
- Working through stress and anxiety
- Maintaining personal health and wellbeing
- Accessing services on campus, and
- Staying focused on your passion and direction.

Expert advice for study success

Our Indigenous Academic Support Advisors are here to help you succeed in your studies and progress through your degree. Together with the rest of the Student Support team, they have an in-depth understanding of the challenges that students can face in higher education studies, especially those from Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. They will help with:

- Academic coaching, such as tutoring
- Developing strategies to identify areas of improvement
- Staying on track with your studies
- Assisting you to create an effective study plan
- Advice on alternative ways to improve academic progress

Both the Indigenous Student Support Advisors and the Academic Support Advisors are available for all our students, whether you are studying in Cairns or Townsville, at a regional study centre, or as an off-campus (external) online student.

Indigenous Tutorial Assistance

You can access free tutoring throughout your degree. Combining academic coaching with your own commitment can reduce stress and improve results. You will be matched to a tutor who is an expert in their field and you can be coached at a time and place that suits you. Depending on your goals, tutoring can be used to improve grades, refresh content or prepare for exams.

Become part of a community

Going to University is not only about study. Our informal gatherings and barbecues are great places to meet staff and other students. Our biggest event is the Indigenous Students' Awards Dinner, a formal event for celebrating with families, peers, community members, industry partners and government bodies. The annual Awards Dinner is a time to recognise students for their hard work and dedication, as well as awarding bursaries and certificates for their achievements.

Underpinned by research for successful graduates

The Centre is committed to closing the gap between high school and tertiary education, whether that is University or vocational training. Our research seeks to address priority areas for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. This research informs us on insights so we can support you to have the confidence and abilities to pursue your future dreams and passions.

Helping you prepare for your career

Doing a cadetship is a great way to build skills, make connections and prepare for life in the workplace. We work closely with industry partners to build cadetship opportunities and our Careers Officer can assist you with the application process and interview techniques. Employers value these skills and practical experiences, which can give you the edge for when you enter the workforce.

JCU Winter School for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

If you are in Year 10, 11 or 12 and want to build the confidence to study at JCU, this program is for you. Spend a week living and learning on campus with other Indigenous students from remote, rural and regional areas. Find out more at www.jcu.edu.au/ierc