
JCU SUMMER
PRE-PROGRAM FOR AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL
AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

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Applications close midnight Monday 12TH NOVEMBER 2018

Information about the JCU Summer Pre-Program for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

The JCU Summer Pre-program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students is a new initiative of the Indigenous Education and Research Centre (IERC), in partnership with the JCU academic Colleges.

The three week intensive pre-program is for prospective Indigenous students who have completed Year 12 QCE, ATAR or HSC requirements and are seeking to gain entry into JCU. The pre-programs are intensive preparation programs related to a students' preferred course of study. The pre-programs also serve as an alternative selection process for students who may not achieve the required OP or HSC score for their preferred course of study.

This year, the initial 2018 Summer School will conduct a pre-program for prospective Engineering and Nursing students only. We hope to offer Pre-programs in other disciplines in 2019.

The Engineering and Nursing pre-program will be held in November/December 2018 and is a 3-week residential program held at the JCU Townsville campus. Students are required to stay at Saints Residential College on campus and will be fully supervised at all times. JCU academic staff and staff from the Indigenous Education and Research Centre run the program and supervise academic and recreational activities, with the help of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student ambassadors at JCU. The IERC covers all costs associated with the program, including travel, accommodation and catering costs for participants.

Who can apply

The Engineering pre-program at this year's Summer pre-program is open to any Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student in Australia who are interested in undertaking an Engineering or Nursing degree in 2019.

Cost

The program runs at no cost to the student. The Indigenous Education and Research Centre arranges and covers the cost of return travel for students outside the Townsville region. Accommodation is in a residential college on the University campus and catering is provided for all participants while on campus.

Dates and location

The Summer School will run from 25th November to the 14th December 2018, inclusive. All students will arrive the day of Sunday 25th November 2018. The program is held at James Cook University's Douglas Campus in Townsville. Local students must remain on campus for the duration of the pre-program.

What does the program involve?

The Engineering and Nursing pre-program will begin 25th November and run for 3 weeks. The program involves an extensive timetable that will keep students busy and give them a realistic sense of what their commitment to higher education will mean. Students will undertake academic sessions that they will encounter in their first study period at university. This experience is designed with several aims in mind. It gives students a head start in learning because when they start university, they will already have covered some of the early material in their courses. They learn what their study load will look like and what to expect when they start university. Students also participate in sessions that help them with study skills and the enrollment process. Students also have opportunities to get used to the campus life, to get to know some of the academic staff who will teach them in their first study period, as well as staff in the Indigenous student support unit at the IERC.

During the course of the pre-program JCU academic staff will be observing and assessing students' academic capabilities for study in Engineering and Nursing. They provide guidance on whether a student is capable of entry into Engineering or Nursing and if it would be advisable for a student to first do the Diploma of Higher Education. The Diploma is a pathway that develops the required knowledge and skills for university courses, while also allowing students to enroll in one course subject from their degree per-Semester. A student who is judged not to be ready for these two options, is given advice about how to improve their readiness, for example, through TAFE and is encouraged to then reapply the following year.

Academic and student support officers from the IERC also observe and assess students' strengths and challenges. They assess things such as levels of maturity, a students' commitment and application to the tasks they are set, their motivation to succeed. Indigenous support officers also talk to students about their accommodation, finance or other special needs and assist students in these matters. This information supplements the JCU academic assessments in the selection for entry process.

The Engineering and Nursing pre-program will end on the day OP scores are released. Students will be advised before they leave the Pre-program whether they will be made an offer by JCU. All efforts will have been made provide sufficient information in relation to student accommodation and finance, so that students and families can make decisions and get organized for the enrollment process.

Alongside academic and other daytime sessions, the Summer pre-program provides recreation and cultural activities in the evening/night. All students attending the Summer pre-program will be required to participate in all activities.

The days are fully scheduled; students are required to be up by 7am for breakfast and back in their room with lights out at 10:00pm each night. Students over the age of 18 must comply with the rules as set down for all other students who are not yet 18. Whilst the Indigenous Education and Research Centre acknowledges the legal age of students over 18, for the purposes of the program the same rules must apply to all participants. JCU staff will maintain a consistent duty of care to each individual student attending. Students who live in Townsville will be required to stay on campus over the weekends, except in exceptional unforeseen circumstances. Participants will also be involved in weekend recreational activities and gentle exercise sessions.

Who is required to complete the application?

As well as the applicant's information and declaration, the parent/guardian must also complete the declaration and the student's school Principal must complete the section of the application. This is to ensure that the applicant's parent/guardian and school Principal are aware of and fully support the application.

How to apply

1. Discuss the application with your Teacher/Principal and parents first.
2. Print and complete the application form and sign the declaration.
3. Ensure your parent or guardian signs the declaration.
4. Return the document to your Principal and ask him/her to complete their section.
5. Have a school staff member complete the school section.
6. You must include a copy of your last school report, including teacher ~~comments~~
7. Ask your school to return the completed application, preferably by email to the Indigenous Education and Research Centre by the closing date (contact details are on the last page of this Document).

When to apply

Applications close on Monday 12th November 2018 by email only to- ierc@jcu.edu.au

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

When will you be notified of the outcome?

All students will be advised of the results of their application by Wednesday 15th November 2018.

Further questions

Please contact the Indigenous Education and Research Centre by email to ierc@jcu.edu.au or phone (07) 4781 4676.

Applicant details

Personal Details			
Surname			
First Name			
Preferred name		Date of Birth	
Address		Post Code	
		State	
Email		Mobile Phone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male		Shirt size:
Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/>	Australian Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/>	
Current School:			
Please list the Engineering/Nursing courses you have applied for through QTAC or other State Tertiary Admissions Centres.			

Student Declaration

I am of Australian Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent. I have read and understand the details of the 2018 JCU Summer pre-program is for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students and have discussed my application with my parents/guardians. I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information I have provided in this application is true and correct.

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date __/__/__

I am aware that participating in the Summer Pre-program will not automatically guarantee me a place in my preferred Engineering or Nursing course at JCU.

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date __/__/__

Submitting your application

Preferred method – have a staff member from your school help you fill out the online form.

All applications are required to be emailed to ierc@jcu.edu.au

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Please be aware that confirmation of receipt of application will not be sent, however if you wish to confirm your application has been received please contact the Indigenous Education and Research Centre on (07) 4781 4676 or by email to ierc@jcu.edu.au. All applicants will be advised of the outcome by phone of their application by Wednesday 15th November 2018.

How did you find out about the JCU Summer Pre-program for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students?

Parent/Guardian Declaration– all sections must be completed

Student Name	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Contact Phone Number (Home)	
Contact Phone Number (Work)	
Contact Phone Number (Mobile)	
Contact Email:	
Additional Emergency contact (must be different from above)	
Emergency Contact name:	
Emergency Contact Phone Number	
Emergency contact relationship to student	
<p>I acknowledge that I have read all the information provided in this application, including the Code of Conduct (page 11), and support my child's application to the JCU Summer pre-program for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students.</p> <p>Name (please print) _____</p> <p>Signature _____ date __/__/__</p>	

If the application is successful, you may be asked to provide further information.

School Details – all sections must be completed by a school staff member (Teacher or Administrative staff)

School Name	
School Address	
School Contact Name	
School Contact Position	
Contact Phone Number	
Contact Email:	

School Principal

This section MUST be completed by your School Principal

Please use the space below to comment on the applicant's:

- Academic achievements to date and their suitability for the JCU Summer School Engineering/ Nursing Pre-program (please provide student's last school report and any other documents you consider relevant to the application)
- Commitment to studies and aspiration to attend university and how the Pre-Program will assist their application to JCU;
- The student's involvement in school activities such as sports, leadership roles, and any personal attributes that will aid their ability to succeed..

I acknowledge that I have read all the information included and support this student's application to the JCU Summer Pre-program for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students. I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information I have provided in this application is true and correct in every particular.

Name (please Print) _____

Signature _____ date __/__/__

JCU Summer Pre-Program for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students Code of Conduct

1. James Cook University is committed to providing a safe work and study environment. However, all students, staff and visitors have an obligation to ensure the safety of themselves and those whose safety may be affected by their actions. Staff in control of program activities will ensure as far as reasonably practical, that those activities are safe and that all safety obligations are being met. Students are required to comply with all safety instructions and are requested to report safety concerns to the University.
2. All students, whilst in the care of JCU Staff and residing on JCU campus, must comply with the Student Code of Conduct. Visit www.jcu.edu.au/policy/student-services/student-code-of-conduct
3. The JCU Summer School for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students (Summer Pre-program) consists of various academic, information, homework, and recreational activities. These will include individual, group, and team activities. The student is required to attend and participate in all scheduled activities.
4. To be eligible to apply the student must have completed Year 12 QCE or other State equivalents, such as HSC, ATAR or IB, studies.
5. All users of James Cook University Information Technology (IT) resources regardless of your relationship with the University and irrespective of whether those resources are accessed on or off-campus are required to comply with the James Cook University Information Communication Technology Acceptable Use Policy (visit: jcu.edu.au/ict)
6. In the event a student is required to depart from campus early, they are to advise the University staff member in charge of the program prior to departure.
7. This program does not offer credit towards a university degree.

Protecting student privacy

James Cook University collects stores and uses personal information only for the purposes of administering student and prospective student admissions, enrolment and education. The information collected is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent, except to meet government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements.

For further information, consult the University's Privacy Plan at:

jcu.edu.au/policy/corporate-governance/information-privacy-policy

Alternatively, telephone 1800 246 446