



Graduate Opportunities

Indigenous Studies graduates can use their experience across a range of areas including **government, community, education, law, health, environment, business, culture and research**, among others. Job titles may include:

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Policy Officer
- Indigenous Engagement Officer
- Program Officer/Coordinator
- Community Development Officer
- Cultural Heritage Officer
- Reconciliation Officer
- Local Government Aboriginal Liaison
- Program Worker/Manager
- Youth/Case Worker
- Indigenous Education Officer

Further Study Options

An **Honours year** is available to high-achieving BA students. It is **usually essential for entry into Higher Degrees by Research**. Refer to the [Bachelor of Arts \(Honours\)](#) for eligibility information

Graduates interested in a career in research and/or academia will typically follow this with either a **Master's** or a **PhD**.

Visit [JCU Research Profiles](#) for information on research interests of JCU staff and research advisors.

Career Relevant Experiences

To gain a competitive edge, BA students may seek to **undertake additional paid or unpaid internships or work experience** during their studies. The following organisations support indigenous students to find internships and work experience:

- [CareerTrackers](#)
- [Aurora Foundation Internship Programme](#)
- [Shine People Indigenous Internships](#)
- [Australian Gov't Indigenous Internships](#)

Professional Associations

The following Professional Associations and organisations are worth investigating:

- [Aboriginal Studies Association](#)
- [Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies](#)
- [Aurora Education Foundation](#)

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to form **professional networks, develop work skills** and **stand out from the crowd**. Students are recommended to consider:

- Volunteering for opportunities presented through their degree
- Becoming a [JCU Student Mentor](#)
- Becoming involved in the [JCU Bebegu Yumba Wadja Bimbi Student Association](#)

Recommended Skills

Written and Verbal Communication; Cultural Knowledge; **Research Skills**; Community Engagement; **Advocacy and Policy Awareness**; Intercultural Mediation; **Project Coordination**; Ethical Practice

Graduate Career Portals

Check out these sites for graduate programmes, graduate jobs, internships and placements:

- [Prosple](#)
- [SEEK Grad](#)
- [Smart Jobs](#)

JCU Careers Support

The JCU Careers and Employability Team are here to support you during your studies and after you graduate:

- [JCU Careers Website](#)
- [CareerHub \(Book Careers Appointments Here\)](#)