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UQef Indigenous Scholarship Fund - Board Report



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Overview

Your investment is helping to ensure the growth and success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at UQ.

Established in 2021, the UQef Indigenous Scholarship Fund was created to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to succeed, develop leadership capacity and achieve their goals through higher education and access to professional opportunities. Employment outcomes from higher education can create measurable and enduring social change with impact extending from the graduate to whole families, communities, and across the nation.

By allowing UQ to use these funds to establish the UQef Match, you have also encouraged UQ's donor community to join you in enhancing education and future employment opportunities for aspiring Indigenous Australian students. Through this matching initiative, the impact of UQef's philanthropy is being doubled with every gift, encouraging additional support from UQ's alumni and donor community.

New Scholarships

To date, 11 scholarships have received commitments from multiple donors in partnership with UQef. These scholarships will support at least 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at UQ.

A total of 9 out of these 11 scholarship funds will be endowed in perpetuity.

Donor and Scholar Stories

Don and Tina Hamson Indigenous Scholarship

UQ graduate Don Hamson established the Don and Tina Hamson Indigenous Scholarship in partnership with UQef to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who wished to study within the Business and Economics School, including the MBA Program.

In 2022, the Don and Tina Hamson Indigenous Scholarship was awarded to **Elijah** (pictured below with Don Hamson), a Bachelor of Business Management student.

Elijah said the support has provided him with the financial security he has needed to make the most of his time at UQ. In particular, it has supported his transportation costs and enabled him to focus on his health and fitness.

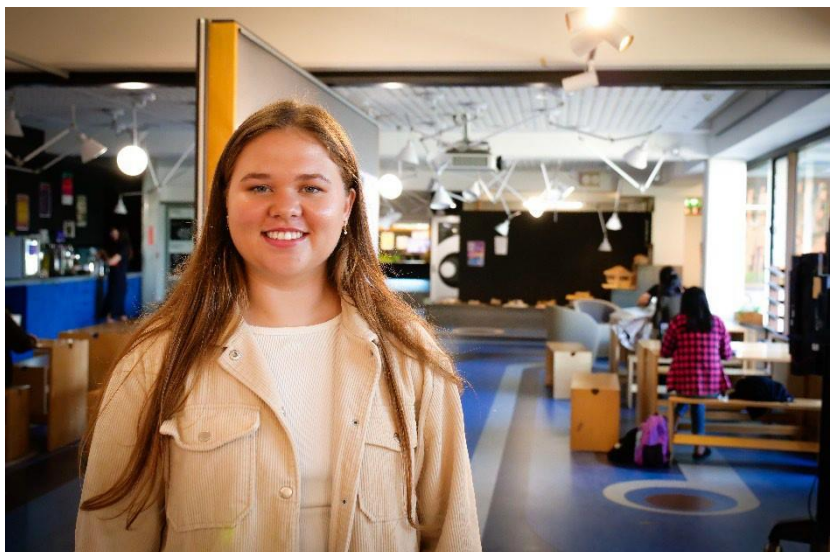
“[When I received this scholarship], I felt a sense of relief and a release of anxiousness,” Elijah said. “I was able to be more comfortable during the semester and could focus on my studies. “I would really like to see that this scholarship further helps others.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Architecture Industry Scholarship

In 2022, the Buchan Group Australia, a leading Architecture and Design firm established the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Architecture Industry Scholarship to support the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who are interested in a career in Architecture, Design or related fields connected to the Architecture and Design Industry.

In the same year, the scholarship was awarded to **Stacey**, a second year Bachelor of Architectural Design student from Kaban, QLD.



Message from Professor Bronwyn Fredericks

I am delighted with the success of the UQef Match in mobilising donor support to increase the number of scholarships available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The interest from our UQ community has been extraordinary, and I'm pleased to share that we are nearing the full allocation of funding available through this initiative. Thank you for your investment in our young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders of the future.

We are committed to increasing participation and enhancing success for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at UQ. Access to quality education is at the heart of achieving these goals.

The opportunities and experiences that lay ahead of these future leaders include educational and employment outcomes that will extend beyond themselves as individuals to ensure communities, including, non-Indigenous Australians as we look toward the Australia of the future.

Once again, thank you for the trust you have placed in our team here at UQ. We look forward to keeping you updated on the impact of our partnership.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Bronwyn Fredericks
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement)