

National Indigenous Business Summer School WA



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What is it?



The National Indigenous Business Summer School (WA) is a joint initiative of Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and The University of Western Australia. The WA program Katitjiny boya birrit/ Pathway to understanding business aims to inspire and support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander high school students in year 11 and 12 who are interested in pursuing a career in business.

Katitjiny Boya Birrit Summer School (WA) is a week-long residential program at the University of Western Australia designed to help students understand how their study choices could positively influence their future, the options available in a business career, the prominent role of Aboriginal businesses and entrepreneurs in Western Australia, and the possibilities offered by higher education. The program is designed for students thinking of entering a business related career or becoming an entrepreneur.

General information

The Summer School aims to provide Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students with an in-depth insight into business and university life, while focusing on team-building, motivation, meeting new people, Indigenous culture, confidence building and health and well-being.

Eligible students are those who are completing Year 11 or 12 studies in 2020, have an interest and demonstrated ability in commerce and/or business, identify with their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage and are prepared to challenge themselves academically and personally in a supportive environment.

The program will introduce students to the world of business by immersing them in a week-long Summer School, with interaction with business academics and professionals of all disciplines, site visits to industry and corporate partners, and interactions with the Aboriginal business community.

The program will also include tailored cultural activities run by local Aboriginal leaders to help students engage with local communities and knowledge, and connect more deeply with their own cultural understandings.



Activities

During the Summer School, students will experience:

- Living on campus at The University of Western Australia
- Stories, advice and mentoring from current and past university students, Elders and cultural leaders
- Presentations by (and opportunity to meet) inspiring Indigenous business leaders
- Cultural and social activities
- Speeches from industry and community leaders
- Industry site visits to experience business in action
- Careers and course advice
- Case Competition - taking part in a business boot camp where students will be given an opportunity to use what they learn during the week to test business case-solving skills, receive mentoring from Indigenous business owners and entrepreneurs, and get hands-on experience as a business professional



Applications

Apply online.

abdc.edu.au/projects/nibss-wa-2019/

Applications close Friday 1 November 2019, 5pm. Places are limited and based on student applications, school report and interest in studying business or commerce.

All costs including travel, meals and accommodation are sponsored.



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