**Aboriginal HDR Development Fund**

The Aboriginal HDR Development Fund is designed to enhance Aboriginal[[1]](#footnote-2) students’ learning and research training experience at the University of South Australia (UniSA).

The internal scheme is enabled by the Vice Chancellor’s Development Fund, and administered by the Office of Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy (ALS Office).

The scheme is designed to be flexible to meet the needs of current Aboriginal research degree candidates. As a sample, the fund may contribute financial assistance to[[2]](#footnote-3):

* Training or course enrolment, to support a candidate’s skill development;
* Conference attendance, or participation in research visits, to build a candidate’s network;
* Community engagement, to foster a candidate’s engagement with Aboriginal Peoples.

**Scheme eligibility and assessment criteria, and application**

This scheme is designed to support UniSA Aboriginal research degree students, who have had their candidature confirmed.

Applications up to $10,000 per grant will be considered.

Applications[[3]](#footnote-4) will be assessed on their merit, and specifically, on the activity’s ability to enhance the student’s learning, research training, and/or build their capacity in Aboriginal research and/or engagement.

Applications will be assessed by the Pro Vice Chancellor: Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy, in consultation with the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Please note that the scheme is administered on a rolling basis until the funds are exhausted.

**Reporting and acquittal**

Requests must be for activity that is undertaken in 2024, and funds must be expended and acquitted in 2024.

Successful applicants will have funds transferred to a nominated local UniSA cost centre to enable their use.

Successful applicants must provide a short report and financial acquittal (including receipts, where appropriate) following completion of the funded activity.

**Questions and submissions**

Inquiries about, or applications for, the Aboriginal HDR Development Fund may be directed to the ALS Office.

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**Application Form**

Inquiries about the scheme and/or completed applications should be directed to the ALS Office.

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| **SECTION 1: Application**  |
| **Research degree student details**  |
| Name |  |
| Student ID |  |
| Academic Unit |  |
| Email |  |
| Confirmation of Candidature  | Yes | [ ]  Date:  | No |[ ]
| Tell us about yourself, and your connections to your Aboriginal community(ies) (Up to 200 words) [*Affirmation of Aboriginality*](https://i.unisa.edu.au/siteassets/sas/scholarships/documents/affirmation-of-aboriginality.pdf) or *Confirmation of Aboriginality* form must be on file with Student and Academic Services to be considered for this scheme. |  |
| Briefly describe the focus of your research, the significance, and your project aims. (Up to 200 words)  |  |
| **Application details** |
| Amount requested |  |
| Detail how this funding will help develop your skills, as an Aboriginal researcher.(up to 200 words)  |  |
| Describe how the activity will enhance, positively impact, and bring value to your research training, your research project, and broader Aboriginal community.(Up to 200 words)  |  |
| Provide the expected timeframe for the expenditure.(A reminder that f*unds must be incurred and acquitted in year of application.*) |  |

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| **Section 2: Budget**  |
| Provide an itemised budget for the activity. Attach additional pages if needed. Include reference to other funding sources leveraged, where relevant (e.g., academic unit co-investment). |
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| **Section 3: Endorsements**  |
| **Aboriginal Student (and Community) Engagement Officer, Wirringka Student Services**  |
| Name: |  | Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |
| **Principal Supervisor**  |
| Name: |  | Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |
| **Dean of Research (or delegate)** |
| Name: |  | Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

1. Consistent with common usage now in many organisations, this scheme uses the shorter form reference to ‘Aboriginal Peoples’ but is intended, always, to be inclusive of both Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Importantly, the scheme aims to enable opportunities that enhance the student experience. Research project costs and general student support are the responsibility of the local area, and will not be considered for funding under this scheme. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Funds cannot be used for research degree scholarships or stipends. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)