**Aboriginal HDR Establishment Fund**

The Aboriginal HDR Establishment Fund supports Aboriginal[[1]](#footnote-2) students to kick start their research degree and enable their success.

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

The scheme is designed to be flexible to meet the needs of commencing Aboriginal students, to help them establish themselves in their research program and degree. As examples, the fund may provide financial aid for training or courses, to support a candidate’s development and improve their preparedness for an HDR degree; or may contribute towards a candidate’s relocation costs, to support their co-location with their supervisory team, research group or academic unit.

Applications up to $5,000 per grant will be considered.

Requests must be for activities that will be undertaken – and expenses that will be incurred and acquitted – in the year of the application. Applications will be assessed by the Pro Vice Chancellor: Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy, in consultation with the Dean of Graduate Studies.

A short report and financial acquittal (including receipts, where appropriate) will be required following completion of the funded activity. Successful applicants will be advised of any grant conditions on award.

Inquiries and/or completed Aboriginal HDR Establishment Fund applications may be directed to the ALS Office.

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**Application Form**

Inquiries 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 |  |
| 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 you establish yourself in your research degree. (Up to 200 words) |  |

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| 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 request. Include reference to other funding sources leveraged, where relevant. |
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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)