



GUMURRII Student Success Unit

*A strong vision for
First Peoples students*



Support where it counts

With the highest Indigenous student population of any Queensland university, Griffith is committed to championing the culture, knowledge and experiences of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Our staff are based on each of Griffith's campuses, and also, provide online assistance for Digital campus students. We offer a welcoming student community of learning, where First Peoples culture and excellence is nurtured, valued and celebrated.

GUMURRII SSU works with our community partners to create pathways for lifelong learning. Our primary mission is to provide a strong cultural learning community that helps current and future students follow their aspirations through higher education.

Griffith demonstrates a strong commitment to the success of First Peoples students, with one of the highest numbers of First Peoples student enrolments and graduations of any Australian university. Griffith has led the way nationally in its support for First Peoples students, with GUMURRII SSU being one of Australia's first tertiary student support units for First Peoples.



'GUMURRII is amazing, they offer lots of support to new and continuing students with mentoring, tutoring and even advice on financial support available and scholarships.'

Jacob Page Bachelor of Exercise Science and Doctor of Medicine

Leda Barnett has overcome her share of challenges to pursue her academic goals, including time away from her family in Central Queensland. Even so, Leda has not been alone during her journey—she sees the team at GUMURRII Student Success Unit as 'pivotal' in her success at university thanks to the academic, cultural and personal support they offer students. 'I established what have come to be lifelong friendships with staff and fellow students,' she says. 'I know the GUMURRII SSU is a support service I can plug into at any time.' After completing her undergraduate studies at Griffith, Leda knew she wanted to return to pursue her PhD. 'Griffith University is increasingly coming to understand the importance of the perspectives of First Australians to research and course content,' she says. 'There are lots of opportunities for First Australians to have a say and make a difference.'

Dr Leda Barnett

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education
Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)
Doctor of Philosophy



Griffith University acknowledges the people who are the traditional custodians of the land, pays respect to the Elders, past and present, and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

What services can I access?

On-campus study space

GUMURRII SSU has a dedicated presence on each of our five physical campuses. You can access tailored programs and resources including computers, printing, study rooms and support from Student Success Officers, who are available to work closely with you through your learning journey.

Our pre-orientation program for commencing undergraduate students will introduce you to the range of services offered and help you connect with the Griffith and GUMURRII communities as part of your preparation for study success.

Digital support for online students

Online students study with Griffith's Digital campus, which is Griffith's second-largest and fastest-growing campus. If you are studying online, GUMURRII SSU will connect with you through various platforms to ensure you—and all our regional, remote and locally based online students—can access services and stay well connected.

Direct Admission program

If you are interested in studying for a Griffith undergraduate degree, you can apply for admission via QTAC or UAC.

If you are a mature First Peoples applicant (i.e. aged 18+ and not a current school leaver), you can also apply via Direct Admission for First Peoples, meaning you can be assessed based on your formal qualifications, life experiences, work history and other transferable skills that support your enrolment application.

Admission applications for most Griffith postgraduate coursework and research degrees are also made directly with Griffith through an online application.

Contact our GUMURRII SSU team to explore your study options with Griffith's comprehensive range of degrees:

griffith.edu.au/study

Apply for Direct Admission for First Peoples at griffith.edu.au/gumurrii/apply-to-study

Personal academic coaching and assistance

The First Peoples Tutoring for Success Program (TSP) is a fully funded academic tutorial program that aims to support successful outcomes for First Peoples students at Griffith University. Through the program, you will be matched with tutors to help you achieve the best possible outcomes in your courses and any ambitious long-term educational goals you may have. Assistance is available to eligible students in coursework programs, including undergraduate, postgraduate and online students. We encourage all First Peoples students to apply for tutoring each trimester.

To register for TSP, visit griffith.edu.au/gumurrii/tsp

Scholarships

With a Griffith scholarship, financial circumstances don't need to be an obstacle to university study. With more than 600 scholarships available, you could be eligible based on your background, chosen study area, hardships you've experienced or your achievements so far.

Applying for Griffith scholarships is free and simple. Talk to our GUMURRII staff about which scholarships you may be eligible to apply for. Find out more at griffith.edu.au/scholarships



'I encourage other First Peoples students to apply for the range of scholarships through Griffith. The Arrow energy scholarship allowed me to undertake placement in a rural location.'

Georgina Morris Bachelor of Pharmacy
Arrow Energy Scholarship recipient

Indigenous Research Unit (IRU)

The IRU is an advocate for Indigenous-appropriate approaches to research and promotes the interests of First Peoples academics—and postgraduate and Higher Degree Research (HDR) students—at Griffith. Griffith's IRU comprises people, partnerships and resources dedicated to developing and supporting Indigenous research.

The IRU works in collaboration with Griffith Graduate Research School (GGRS) and GUMURRII SSU to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Degree Research students with support and guidance throughout their research journey at Griffith.

For more information, visit griffith.edu.au/indigenousresearch

Griffith's GUMURRII student support network was a 'home away from home' for Landon Brady during his studies. A Gamilaraay and Wailwan man from Coonabarabran in north-west NSW, Landon had to travel far from his family to study a Bachelor of Environmental Science. 'When moving so far away from my real home, the staff at GUMURRII provided me with the personal and educational support I needed, as well as connecting me with a supportive network,' he says. Landon says the friendships that he has found at university have been a highlight of his study, and he expected them to be useful in his career as well. 'The culture of Griffith is extremely welcoming; being a smaller university, it is relaxed, encouraging and supportive,' he says. 'I decided to study environmental science because of my passion for country and the importance of protecting it from further damage,' he says.

Landon Brady

Bachelor of Environmental Science



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