

Aurora Indigenous Scholars International Study Tour



US
3 WEEKS
Berkeley
Columbia
Harvard
New York University
Stanford



UK
10 DAYS
Cambridge
Oxford
London Business School
London School of Economics



The Aurora Indigenous Scholars International Study Tour takes place in October and November of each year.

A group of successful Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants will leave Australia in late October and spend 3 weeks in the US and 10 days in the UK.

The Study Tour provides opportunities for students and graduates to gain insight into the realities of undertaking postgraduate study at leading institutions. It involves meetings with key academics and administrators at each university, as well as with current students in the area of the participants' academic interest.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Have graduated from a first degree, or have completed at least 2 years of an undergraduate degree
- Have a Distinction average or an Honours degree
- Have a strong interest in postgraduate study overseas
- Be willing to act as an ambassador of the program while overseas and on your returning to Australia, committing to 20 hours of outreach work with school and university students.



Applications for the Study Tour are made through the Aurora Indigenous Scholarships Portal indigenousscholarships.com.au

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How to Apply:

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Please follow these steps:

- 1) Go to the [Aurora Indigenous Scholars International Study Tour listing](#)
- 2) Click on Add to Shortlist
- 3) The system will prompt you to create and verify your account
- 4) Go to My Shortlist
- 5) Continue with application
- 6) Fill in the Information required
- 7) As part of the application you will need to attach the following documentation:
 - A cover letter explaining your background, career aspirations and reasons for wanting to go on the Study Tour
 - A Curriculum Vitae
 - An official transcript of all university results (including mid-year results, if available)
 - Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through a signed statement (including common seal) from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Heritage Association, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Corporation or Land Council
 - A high-resolution photo (headshot preferably)
 - Passport bio data page (if you have a valid passport)

You will also need to arrange for three written references (two of which should be academic references). These are to be forwarded by your referees directly to the International Scholarships team at Aurora (please refer to the Reference Criteria on the [scholarship listing](#)).

Further assistance with your application

If you require any further information about the Study Tour, please contact the [International Scholarships Team](#). If you require technical support or assistance with your application, please contact the [Indigenous Scholarships Portal Team](#).

Or call us on

 **02 9310 8400**

Selection process:

Applications will be reviewed by a panel, including Aurora's CEO. Those shortlisted will be interviewed via Skype.

- The successful applicants will be chosen primarily on the basis of academic achievement (Distinction average or higher, or First Class or high Second Class Honours) but also on the basis of their potential to become leaders in their field of study and in their communities.
- Preference will be given to students in the final year of their studies. Students currently undertaking a PhD in Australia, who hope to complete some of their program or a postdoc overseas, will also be considered; however, priority will be given to those seeking to complete a full degree overseas.
- Please note, that if you are successful at your interview, your participation will be conditional on Aurora sourcing the required funding. You may be asked to help Aurora approach your university, employer or other potential funders.

We are looking for applicants who have the potential to become [Charlie Perkins](#) and [Roberta Sykes](#) Scholars.