



Information & Application Kit

Indigenous Education
Bursary 2025

**Applications must be received before
12.00 midnight on Friday 11 July 2025**

Late applications will not be accepted

Background and Purpose

At the core of natural resource management are the people dedicated to preserving our unique Wet Tropics environment. By supporting the next generation of leaders, we're not just investing in individuals—we're investing in our region's future. Terrain NRM recognises the invaluable role that Indigenous people and their knowledge plays in sustainable land and resource management. We are committed to supporting emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders who are eager to explore careers in natural resource management, environmental studies, sustainable development, agriculture, or conservation.

We appreciate that studying isn't always easy, and we understand that financial pressure can prevent students from reaching their goals. Student bursaries are available through Terrain NRM's Natural Capital Fund to help students fund their studies and kickstart their professional careers in Natural Resource Management by making professional aspirations more accessible and achievable.

In the long-term our aim is that this support will increase the number of young Indigenous professionals with education in these fields of study, which will create opportunities for employment, partnership and leadership positions for the whole region to benefit from.

Details

- If your application is successful, you will receive a once-off payment of \$3000 for one year
- You can re-apply for following years if you still meet the eligibility criteria
- You can spend the money however you need to, to support your study
- You will have an opportunity to share your story through Terrain NRM's social media channels and at the annual general meeting in November
- If you need to pause your studies or decide to peruse another path after the money has been provided, we would ask that you let us know, but there will be no requirement to repay the money.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must;

- be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- live in the Wet Tropics region of Far North Queensland (Rossville to Paluma)
- be undertaking, or about to begin, study at University, TAFE, or another recognised educational institution in subject/s that fall within the scope of natural resource management, environmental studies, sustainable development, agriculture, or conservation
- be at least 16 years of age at the time of application.

How to Apply

There is an application form at the bottom of this document. Please complete the form and send your application to ncf@terrain.org.au by 12:00 midnight on Friday 11 July 2025. Applications should include:

- a brief overview of who you are, what you're studying and how the bursary will help you achieve your goals
- proof of enrolment from your educational institution
- A copy of your driver licence or similar, providing proof of age and residence within the Wet Tropics region

Acknowledgement of Application

Terrain will acknowledge receipt of your application via email using the contact details that you provide in your application.

Shortlisting and Selection Process

- After the closing date, our Natural Capital Fund Committee will assess all applications for shortlisting and selection. We will be in touch to let you know the outcome of the assessment as soon as a decision has been made
- Successful applicants will be asked to provide bank account details for payment of funds

General Enquiries

For general enquiries related to the Indigenous Education Bursary Fund please email:

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Governance and Senior Administration Assistant

Gabrielle.Gleeson@terrain.org.au



Indigenous Education Bursary Expression of Interest Form

Please complete this form by answering all questions to apply for Terrain NRM's Indigenous Education Bursary Fund.

PART 1—APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name

Address

Email

Phone

Brief overview of who you are, what you're studying and how the bursary will help you achieve your goals

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PART 2—ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A. Are you an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person?

Note: If your answer is no, your application cannot be accepted.

B. Are you over 16 and living in the Wet Tropics region?

(please attached copy of your drivers licence or similar
showing your date of birth and address)

C. Are you currently undertaking or about to begin study at a recognised education institution in subject/s that fall within the scope of natural resource management, environmental studies, sustainable development, agriculture, or conservation? Please provide details below and written confirmation with this application.

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Applicant signature:

Date:

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**Please submit your application to
ncf@terrain.org.au by 12:00 midnight on
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