



Matariki Indigenous Student Mobility Program

Call for Applications for Summer 2017

1. Introduction

The [Matariki Network of Universities \(MNU\)](#) is delighted to announce the 2nd year of the [Matariki Indigenous Student Mobility Programme \(MISMP\)](#). MNU is a network of seven universities: University of Western Australia, Durham University (UK), Uppsala University (Sweden), Tübingen University (Germany), Dartmouth College (USA), Queen’s University and last year’s MISMP host, Otago University (New Zealand). The MISMP is designed to foster global scholarship and community engagement on the understanding of Indigenous peoples and their knowledge systems.

Queen’s University will support up to three undergraduate students and a faculty member to take part in the MISMP 2017. Participants will develop and undertake a research project, starting under supervision at Queen’s University and including time at the host university, the University of Western Australia in Perth. Program participants will gain exposure to issues of great significance to Indigenous communities, and an understanding of how those issues may be addressed/resolved in relation to their respective home countries and their education systems.

The lead faculty member for Queen’s is [Dr. Lindsay Marcom](#) from the Faculty of Education.

2. Dates and logistics

- Project study in advance of MISMP: flexible according to student and supervisor
- Short course at UWA: **2 – 12 July 2017**
 - Sunday 2 July 2017 is planned as the arrival day at UWA to help with the management of any 'jet-lag'
 - Wednesday 12 July is planned as UWA farewell & departure day.
- Project completion and submission to Queen’s: by end of summer term or as determined by the student and supervisor

Queen's will fund a return economy class airfare, your shared accommodation on the UWA campus and field trips, and meals for the duration of the program. This funding is made available through the Office of the Associate Vice-Principal (International).

3. Course Overview and Objectives

The program is designed to encourage our best scholars who have an interest in indigenous issues and expose them to a range of issues intended to encourage robust debate. Students may use this opportunity to contribute towards their final year thesis study, or prepare for postgraduate work.

The expectation of the MISMP is that all participating students will undertake a research project with supervision by their home university. While there is no academic credit granted by UWA for MIMSP, Queen's students can use the research project, additional readings (before and after the MISMP and in accordance with their supervisor), and apply it as an Independent Study Course 594/3.0 that can count towards their degree plan. The number of units granted will be based on the estimate of the amount of work to be covered by the project, taking into account the planned learning hours on the MISMP. The tuition fee for the course will depend on the number of course units and in accordance with the tuition fees for undergraduate Arts and Science students as posted on the University Registrar website.

Learning outcomes:

- Facilitate an exchange of interdisciplinary knowledge between Indigenous communities and from across international contexts;
- Increase understanding of issues that impact Indigenous communities through exposure to the knowledge and experiences of local Indigenous groups; and
- Encourage and contribute to a growing body of multidisciplinary research relevant to Indigenous peoples;
- Produce a research project on a topic relevant to an Indigenous community;
- Showcase the history, culture and social and economic enterprise of local Indigenous communities; and
- Introduce students to local initiatives for self-determination.

Course context

1. **Research project** (topic chosen by student in discussion with their supervisor).
 - Topic would relate to the student's own interests in Indigenous research and relevant to their own community relationships and contexts.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to seek out a supervisor for the independent study course and discuss their project idea and application.

4. Eligibility

Applicants must be registered as an undergraduate student in the Faculty of Arts and Science and completed at least two years of undergraduate study before the start of the program. As this initiative is designed to foster the mobility of Indigenous students, priority will be given to Indigenous applicants.

To be considered, students must develop a project idea, noting aims, objectives and context.

The student must also identify a supervisor and ensure that they support their application.

Accepted students must hold/or obtain a passport that is valid for at least six months from the return travel dates of the program. Students who do not hold a valid passport must be able to apply for a passport immediately upon being accepted into the Program.

5. Application Process

Participants will be selected through a competitive application process. Applications will be assessed by a selection committee that consists of faculty members engaged in Indigenous studies, the MISMP faculty advisor, and representatives from the International Programs Office, Dean's Office, and Four Directions Aboriginal Centre.

Students will be selected on the quality of the proposal and how it fits with the overall themes of the program.

Applicants should submit a learning plan and Proposal of Interest. The Proposal of Interest, which can take a variety of forms from a written document (500-word limit) to a video to a visual art piece to a piece of music and must indicate the applicant's suitability for this exchange and goal for pursuing it. The Proposal of Interest, description of the research project, degree program and year of study, and a supervisor's letter of support should be submitted to the International Programs Office, B206 Mackintosh-Corry Hall.

There will be an interview with the selection committee for shortlisted candidates.

The deadline for submission is 31 March 2017.

Interviews will be conducted during the week of 10 April (with understanding of student exam schedules).

The successful applicants will be notified by 21 April 2017.