



# Tutoring for Indigenous Students

## ISSP-ITAS Fact Sheet

### What is ISSP-ITAS?

ISSP-ITAS is the 'Indigenous Student Success Programme - Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme' which was established in 2017, as the way in which the Australian Government funds and delivers a range of programs targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The scheme allows all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to receive private tutorial assistance.

### Who can get ISSP-ITAS?

There are two criteria a student must meet to be eligible for ITAS Tuition:

- The student must be of *Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander* descent,
- Be enrolled in either a Curtin Enabling course or an Undergraduate award level course (e.g. Bachelor, Associate or Honours) offered at Curtin University.

Masters or PHD students are not eligible for ITAS unless they have a CAPS plan (Curtin Access Plan).

### Applying for ISSP-ITAS

If you meet the eligibility criteria and wish to apply for tuition, please contact the ITAS Officer for a '*Student Application for Tuition*' form. The ITAS Officer is located in the Administration area in the Centre for Aboriginal Studies (Building 211).

**\*\*Please note: a new form needs to be completed at the start of each semester\*\***

### Tutors

There is a database of qualified tutors available; however, students do have the option to nominate their own tutor(s) on the Student Application for Tuition form, (he/she must register as a tutor under the ISSP-ITAS program). The registration process requires the individual to complete a 'Prospective Tutor Package'.

*Please note: There is a process involved with lodging your tutor application and will take approximately 3 weeks to get you on the system, therefore it is vital that applicants lodge their expression of interest as soon as possible.*

Prospective ITAS tutors must;

- Be qualified through formal education or relevant experience;
- NOT be a close relative of the student. The term "family" can be identified as follows;
  - A relative by blood or marriage or;
  - Has strong affinity with the individual and family;
  - Stands in a bona fide domestic or household relationship with the individual;
  - Is a child or adopted child of the individual;
  - Is a child or adopted child of the person standing in a bona fide domestic or household relationship with the individual?
- NOT be directly involved in the assessment of the course in which the student is enrolled.
- Tertiary students as tutors
  - At least two academic years ahead of the student (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year students cannot be approved as ITAS tutors for university students);
  - Able to show evidence of sound academic progress;



- Not themselves be receiving ITAS tuition or have received ITAS tuition in the subject area.



Curtin University

***Prior to any tutoring a Tutor must have a Sessional Contract and a current Student/Tutor Agreement with Curtin University and the Centre for Aboriginal Studies.***

### **Hours of Tuition**

The ITAS Officer will determine your eligible hour's based on your education assessment. Students can be approved for a maximum of up to 2 hours tuition per unit per week, with no more than 8 hours per week.

### **Types of Tuition**

Group Tuition (previously called Block Tuition) – One tutor is tutoring a minimum of 5 students at the same time. Group Pay rate \$60.00 an hour, per session, *not per student*.

Individual tuition – face to face contact with your tutor, this contract operates within the semester period only. Sessional Pay rate \$55.00 an hour, per session, per student.

### **Who to contact**

At the Centre for Aboriginal Studies there is a full time ITAS Officer who deals specifically with the student applications, contracts and tutor enquiries and can be contacted on (08) 9266 2893 or (08) 9266 7091. Alternatively you can contact the ITAS Officer by emailing [CAS-ITASAdmin@curtin.edu.au](mailto:CAS-ITASAdmin@curtin.edu.au).

