An initiative of Engineering Aid Australia
Hosted by Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney

Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School
8–14 January 2017
Why choose engineering?

Engineers play a vital role in the way we live. They provide creative and practical solutions that promote positive change and support communities around the world.

What do engineers do?

As an engineer, you could make the next amazing discovery, be involved in space transportation, solar power, securing cyberspace, enhancing our living environments, providing access to clean water or restoring and improving urban infrastructure.

Engineers are not only creative; they have a strong understanding of mathematics and science as well as the business and legal processes involved in meeting society’s challenges. As an engineering student, you will develop excellent problem-solving, design and research skills that will enable you to lead innovation that shapes the future.

Why the profession needs you

Engineers are vital to the growth and sustainability of our communities – they design and advise on water, mining, agriculture, power, roads, hospitals, schools and communication networks.

The engineering profession needs more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly in remote communities and outback Australia, to lead infrastructure projects. Engineers are among the most valuable resources a community can have.

Is engineering the right choice for you?

- Are you good at mathematics and science?
- Do you like to be hands-on with machinery or practical tools?
- Do you enjoy solving challenges?

Then engineering may just be what you’re looking for.

What is the Engineering Summer School?

The Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS) is an annual event, established and funded by Engineering Aid Australia (a non-profit organisation).

For the summer school in January 2017, we are looking for 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, male and female, who will be entering Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2017.

What does the school involve?

The school is a challenging and exciting week of fun activities to help you discover how amazing engineering really is. You will also meet engineers and see just how important engineering is to your community.

You’ll get to take part in design work and other hands-on exercises that will develop your new engineering skills. You will spend each morning doing different types of engineering activities and in the afternoons go on site visits to engineering companies where you will find out about the work they do and the diverse careers on offer.

During the summer school, you will live on campus for six days, get a taste of university life, and gain a better understanding of engineering as a course and career.

Scholarships

If you are selected to attend the summer school, you will also qualify for an Engineering Aid Australia Continuing School scholarship. This is to help with some of your education expenses in Years 10, 11 and 12.

Later, if you complete Year 12 and get a place at any university in Australia, you will be eligible for an Engineering Aid Australia Tertiary Education scholarship.

In 2016, 60 Continuing School scholarships and six Tertiary Education scholarships were awarded.

What does it cost?

The summer school is fully funded by Engineering Aid Australia and its sponsors, including engineering companies, government departments and private donors.

All your travel costs to and from Sydney, as well as accommodation and fees, are paid for.

You may want to have some pocket money for travelling and during your stay in Sydney, but this is the only expense you will need to cover.

How do I apply?

To apply for the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School in 2017, you will need to complete the application form provided and submit the supporting documents as requested on the form.

Selection is based on your interest in engineering-related subjects such as mathematics and science and your personal initiative and outlook.

About the University

Coming to the University of Sydney may be the first step towards the career you’ve always wanted.

Whatever your motivation – and whatever degree you choose – we believe your time with us will put you in a great position. We want to help you build on your aspirations and inspire you to develop new and creative ways of thinking, and to become a global citizen with a lifelong passion for learning.

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For more information, visit engineeringaid.org

IAESS participants

"An enormous thank you for all that you did before, during and after IAESS 2016. It was an incredibly amazing experience and will stay with me forever."

"What I liked most about IAESS was learning about the different types of engineering courses and how they fit into everyday life."

"All the site visits were fantastic and worth doing. Also all the guest speakers were interesting, informative and very helpful."

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Application form

Please send this form and other requested documents to:

IAESS Coordinator
Engineering Sydney
Level 5, School of Information Technologies (J12)
The University of Sydney NSW 2006

Applications close on Friday 14 October 2016.
We will notify you of the outcome of your application in November 2016.

What to include:
- A current passport-sized colour photo of you – please attach in the space provided above
- Sections 1, 3 and 4 in this form, completed
- A separate statement addressing the questions in Section 2
- Your school’s letter of recommendation or letter of support
- Your latest school results (half-yearly marks/grades are fine if you do not have your end-of-year report before the closing date)
- A copy of your photo ID (such as a passport, driver’s licence, student card, proof-of-age card)

Section 1 – To be completed by the applicant

Date of birth: d d / m m / y y y y Sex: □ Male □ Female
First name: __________________________________________ Preferred name: __________________________
Family name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
Suburb: ___________________________________________________ State: __________ Postcode: __________
Home phone: _______________________________ Mobile: _______________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________
T-shirt size: □ XS □ S □ M □ L □ XL □ XXL __________________________ Please provide your shoe size (UK): __________
Which is the closest airport to you? (For students from NSW, please indicate your closest train station.) __________________________

If you have a disability or medical condition, please let us know so we can arrange to meet your needs.

☐ I declare that: I am of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. I identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and am accepted as such by the community in which I live.

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: _______________________

Section 2 – To be completed by the applicant on a separate sheet

1. What are your strongest subjects at school and why?
2. Why are you interested in engineering?
3. What do you hope to get out of the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School?
4. Please provide some information on your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
5. Do you have any other interests and hobbies?
Section 3 – To be completed by your school

School year in 2017: □ Year 10  □ Year 11  □ Year 12

School name: ____________________________________________________________

School address: __________________________________________________________

Suburb: ________________________________ State: ___________ Postcode: __________

School phone: ____________________________ School fax: _______________________

School email: ___________________________________________________________________

Principal’s name: ___________________________________________________________________

Supporting teacher’s name: ___________________________________________________________________

Position: ___________________________________________________________________

Supporting material to be included:
1. Letter of recommendation from your school
2. Latest school report

Section 4 – To be completed by your parent or guardian

I am aware that my child is submitting this application and, if selected, will be able to participate in the program.

Name: _____________________________________________________________________________

Home phone: ________________________________________________________________________ Mobile: _______________________

Email: _____________________________________________________________________________

Parent/guardian signature: __________________________________________________________________________ Date: ______________________

The information you supply on this form is required by the University of Sydney to assess your application for the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School. The supply of the information is not mandatory, but if it is not supplied the University may be unable to process the application. The information will be held in the University of Sydney’s Engineering Faculty. If consent is provided below, it will be shared with Engineering Aid Australia and its sponsors. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by the University. For further information contact the IAESS Coordinator, whose details are shown below.

Consent for photography/video/audio

By signing below, you give consent for your child to be included in photography, video, and/or audio recordings made during the Indigenous Australian Summer School Program 2017. If you have any questions, or you wish to withdraw your consent at any time, please contact the IAESS Coordinator at the address shown below. You further give permission for this media (including copies or adaptations in full or part), to be used by the University of Sydney, Engineering Aid Australia (EAA), and its sponsors (see engineeringaid.org/get-involved/sponsors-list) to promote the program and for related educational, marketing and publicity purposes. This includes through internal and external publications and via any medium such as radio, TV, video or internet. You give consent to EAA to identify your child by name in photographs used on its website or other EAA publications. However, no other personal information (including names) will be used in any other publications unless express consent is given. These consents are not required to participate in the program.

Parent/guardian signature: __________________________________________________________________________ Date: ______________________

Consent to release personal information

By signing below, you give consent for the University of Sydney to share details of your child’s application, including their name and other personal information, with EAA and any representative of that organisation, for the purposes of administering the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School Program and allow EAA and its sponsors to use this personal information to contact your child about scholarship, mentoring, work experience and work opportunities. This consent is not required to participate in the program.

Parent/guardian signature: __________________________________________________________________________ Date: ______________________

More information

Please contact:

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