

# Position Description

## Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Representative

The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Representative holds an elected position on the Student Senate and is co-opted onto the Indigenous Governance Committee. The position is open to Federation University students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, studying at any FedUni campus or online, enrolled at a fraction of 0.5 or more.

The Representative will engage with and advocate for the diverse range of Indigenous students currently enrolled at FedUni. This representative would provide feedback and advice regarding the issues, needs, events, and cultural sensitivities relevant to those students.

The Representative will join the Senate's Equity and Social Inclusion portfolio, which informs and advises the wider Senate. The representative should be aware of the cultural and social needs of students at the various campuses and how best to support their educational needs.

The successful student elected into this position will carry out the role for a 24-month term from 1 November to 31 October. Students who anticipate graduating during their term are welcome to apply.

### Key Responsibilities

- Attend up to 8 Senate meetings per year alternating between Ballarat, Gippsland, Berwick and Horsham campuses
- Gather feedback from students through a variety of Senate communication channels
- Be proactive in your approach to working on student issues by meeting with key staff members to highlight issues with them, researching realistic solutions and assisting to implement and promote changes made
- Support the promotion of the Student Senate and all action carried out by providing content for social media to the Communication portfolio Chair on a monthly basis
- Give a student voice to university projects and consultation processes
- Liaise with the Student Advisory Service on a regular basis to keep up to date on common student issues
- Liaise with the Aboriginal Education Centre to keep up to date with current issues being faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students
- Prepare a written member report ahead of each meeting, outlining student issues and projects that you are working on, for distribution with Meeting Agendas, which you will present at the meeting
- Take an active role in one of the four portfolios, targeting specific issues within the portfolio. Portfolios include Communications, Student Connect, ITS/Facilities and Academic. Attend Portfolio meetings (either by phone, video conference or in person) between each main Senate Meeting

**Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_