



## Aurora Indigenous Scholars Study Tour Symposium - Sydney

### Reference Criteria

The Aurora Indigenous Scholars Study Tour (the **Study Tour**) usually takes place from around mid-October to the end of November each year, taking Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander university students and graduates to visit leading universities in the US and the UK.

In the current environment, Aurora is hosting a Study Tour Symposium in Sydney in November 2021. The Symposium will cover meetings with universities we normally visit on the Study Tour (Berkeley, Colombia and Stanford in the US and Cambridge, London School of Economics, University of London and Oxford in the UK), including the opportunity to arrange academic meetings at these institutions in the students specific areas of study. We will cover a range of different topics in the 3 day event, including scholarship opportunities available in Australia to study overseas, hosting panels to discuss life abroad as a student, cultural safety, self-determination, and systemic change.

Furthermore, the Study Tour represents an important opportunity for those looking at applying for the Charlie Perkins and Roberta Sykes Scholarships. Participants will have the chance to interact with past and present scholars, funders and key stakeholders.

**Applicants require three written references**, including two academic references and a personal reference. Referees should forward references directly to the Scholarships Team at [scholarships@aurorafoundation.com.au](mailto:scholarships@aurorafoundation.com.au) **by 15 July 2021**.

References should outline and address the below:

- Referee's relationship with the candidate
- Referee's academic and/or professional position in relation to the candidate
- Academic ability and capabilities of the candidate
- Personal qualities and characteristics of the candidate
- The candidate's leadership potential in their field of study and/or Indigenous community
- If applicable, the candidate's contribution to the Indigenous community
- Timeliness of this opportunity in the candidate's academic and career development

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