

JUMBUNNA ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Applicant Full Name: _____
Course Area of Interest: _____

You may choose to respond to this form in writing or submit your answers as a video or audio recording. We want to hear your story in the format that feels most comfortable and accessible for you.

Section 1: About You and Your Journey (Maximum 500 words total)

Please respond to the following five questions. Each response should be around 100 words. These questions aim to help us understand your background, strengths, motivations, and aspirations for university study.

1. **Who you are and where you're from**

Share your personal and cultural background, including where you're from and how your identity has been shaped by your family, culture, and lived experiences.

2. **Your learning journey**

Describe a learning experience (in or outside of school) that taught you something valuable about yourself or the way you learn.

3. **Navigating challenges**

When things got tough, what strategies helped you keep going? Talk about the habits, skills, or mindsets that supported you through challenging times.

4. **Support networks**

Who are the people or communities that will support you in your university journey? How do these relationships help you stay connected and motivated?

5. **Your academic goals**

What would you like to study at university and why? How does this course connect to your future goals, for yourself, your family, or your community?

Section 2: Thinking and Reflection (Choose 1 topic, 250-300 words)

This section is designed to explore your critical thinking, reflection, and personal values. You are encouraged to build on, but not repeat, ideas shared in Section 1.

Select one question from the list below and share your response. You can choose a written, audio, or video format.

Select one of the following:

- How is leadership expressed in your culture or community, and why is it important?
- In what ways does your community influence your motivation to learn and succeed?
- What strategies help you stay resilient and focused when faced with challenges?
- How do you define success for yourself, your family, or your community?
- What does respect and care look like in your relationships and community life?
- How do cultural knowledge, storytelling, or family traditions shape how you learn and grow?
- Describe a personal experience or moment that has motivated you to keep going in your journey.

Submitting your personal statement

Once you have completed this form, please save it. You will need to upload and attach it to your Jumbunna Admissions Program application when submitting through the UTS portal. If you are submitting your application with the support of a UTS staff member or your school, they can assist you with uploading this file.

Make sure your name and course area of interest are clearly filled in before saving your document. If you're submitting a video or audio recording instead of the written form, please:

- Create a shareable link to your audio/visual file, and insert the link to this into a word document
- Label your word document with your full name and attach it to your application.

If you have any questions or need help, you can contact the Jumbunna Outreach Team at jumbunna.outreach@uts.edu.au.