



Classic Wallabies Indigenous Exchange

The Eidos Institute has partnered with the Classic Wallabies and Australian Volunteers International (through the Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) program) to create and develop the Classic Wallabies Indigenous Exchange ("CWIE") Program.

The CWIE program began as a student exchange initiative dedicated to providing Indigenous university students with the opportunity to study abroad and undertake a volunteer assignment in an overseas community-based organisation. The focus of the CWIE program on academic study and volunteer service in communities will promote career and personal development of the CWIE students. To date, 24 indigenous young men and women will have experienced a 6-week tour of South Africa working in Francois Pienaar's MAD Foundation projects in Hoedspruit, Limpopo.

The main objectives of the CWIE South Africa program include:

- (a) to enhance the futures of young Indigenous university students by facilitating an opportunity to explore new social, cultural, sporting and academic experiences and political and economic conditions, in the spirit of the Classic Wallabies' international tours during their playing days;
- (b) to encourage Indigenous students to remain in study, particularly tertiary study. Each of the CWIE participants will become an ambassador for education, particularly tertiary study. The CWIE program has significant potential to contribute meaningfully to generational change for Indigenous scholars by using sport as a social bridge builder. The CWIE program acknowledges that more indigenous students are finishing Year 12 schooling, however tertiary enrolments in Australian universities and current employment statistics remain poor. The CWIE program promotes advances in university enrolments, employment and career prospects for Indigenous tertiary students.

The Classic Wallabies have recognised the opportunities afforded to them in their business careers that are attributable to their time wearing the gold jersey and have committed to develop and support the CWIE program through their substantial business networks and personal resources.

The Rugby Legends from each country, led by the example of South Africa's Francois Pienaar and the Make A Difference (MAD) Foundation, have been personally involved in the development of the CWIE program.

Student candidates were selected based upon demonstrated high achievement in their academic studies, high performance in their chosen sport and leadership qualities in prior community activities.

It is envisaged that within two to three years the exchange will become reciprocal and South African university students will undertake placements in Australia.

Interest is also being generated amongst universities in other countries, particularly in the UK and the Pacific, to further expand the CWIE through international partnerships, which facilitate student exchange programs from Australia to the UK and Europe, in 2016 and beyond.

As the profile of the CWIE program develops over the years, including through an expanded format to include other countries, it is envisaged more Indigenous students will be inspired to study for the opportunity to participate in the CWIE program. This leads to the introduction of our upcoming UK Exchange in October 2016.





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UK Exchange Program

Successful applicants will complete their MBA with Edinburgh Business School (“EBS”) as well as participate in the upcoming CWIE UK Exchange in October of 2016.

The scholarship will cover all costs relating to the completion of the required subjects at EBS, as well as the travel, accommodation and other elements that are required to participate in the Exchange Program.

When October 2016 (2 Weeks)
Where Heriot-Watt University - Edinburgh Business School / Scotland
Corporate Sponsor Origin Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd (“Origin”)

ABOUT ORIGIN

[Origin](#) through its [Leadership Fund](#) (the “Fund”) is supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business leaders to create due representation of First Australians in boardrooms across the nation. Using Insurance to close the gap: The Fund is the first of its kind within the Insurance industry, providing corporate Australia with a tangible way to help close the gap. By placing insurance with Origin, Australia’s first Indigenous Insurance Brokerage firm, corporations can support Indigenous business whilst simultaneously contributing to the Fund.

APPLICATION

Funding is available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders looking to undertake post-graduate study:

- a case by case financial scholarship to cover tuition potentially ancillary costs;
- flexibility to apply the financial support to any course, in any University;
- mentorship from the advisory committee and associated companies; and
- fast-track leadership positions with participating financial institutions.

All applications are encouraged. In order to apply the following must be included:

- a current CV;
- certificates of prior tertiary education - Business orientated;
- a 750-word essay on the candidate’s vision for Indigenous leadership in Australia; and
- proof of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Heritage.

Selection will be based on demonstrated excellence in the applicant’s field and commitment to leadership.

APPLY via <http://www.cwexchange.org.au/ukexchange.html>

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