“It has definitely been, with no exaggeration, an amazing experience and one that I’ll remember for a long time to come.”

Berkeley

“Berkeley was a great university to visit first. All of the students and staff I interacted with were very helpful and genuinely interested in what our group was doing at Berkeley.”

“Associate Professor Beth Piatote was very open and willing to answer any questions I had about studying a PhD or Masters at Berkeley. While sharing my study interests with Beth I felt she was very engaged in the discussion and was eager to help in any way she could.”

Stanford

“Before arriving at Stanford I had somewhat ruled it out of my interests, as I assumed there wouldn't be much that aligned with what I want to research. However, after meeting with various departments and particularly the Native American Centre and Professor Snipp, my perspective changed, as I was made aware of the array of support available for international students, both academically and personally.”
Harvard

“Much like most people I have met so far, Tessa was very helpful in directing me to the right place and providing an honest insight into what it’s like at Harvard, both academically and socially/culturally.”

“Through Tessa, I was able to arrange a meeting with Professor Morgan at the Hip Hop Archive, which was a great experience and definitely a major highlight of the trip (being a Hip Hop artist and wishing to pursue further studies in identity and Hip Hop). Not only was it great to talk about all things Hip Hop with Professor Morgan, I also gained important knowledge about applying to Harvard and once again gained more direction in terms of what field and department would best suit my line of research.”

New York University

“NYU has always been on my radar as a school that I would love to attend. Meeting with Dean Saranillio [an Indigenous man from Hawaii and a Professor in the Department of Social & Cultural Analysis] was a great experience. It was awesome to connect not only on a level of academic interest but also as Indigenous peoples from different lands.”

“At the close of the meeting Dean expressed that I would be a great fit for his department and extended an offer of support with my application if I did choose to apply to NYU. I believe New York is definitely the place for me.”

Columbia

“Visiting Columbia University and having the opportunity to meet with Professor Fox was, without a doubt, one of my biggest highlights of the tour. Not only was Professor Fox interested in my research focus around Hip Hop and Indigenous artists, he was also incredibly helpful and encouraging. While stating that I would be a good “fit” for Columbia and the ethnomusicology department, Professor Fox also made sure to inform me of the work other U.S. universities are doing around Hip Hop and programs that may also be of interest. Moreover, he reiterated the need to make an informed decision and be aware of all options available.”
Cambridge

“Whilst at Cambridge I had the opportunity to meet with Becky Inkster from the Department of Psychiatry. Becky is a neuroscientist and co-founder of “Hip Hop Psych”, researching the positive effects Hip Hop can have on youth and their mental health. It was great to meet with Becky and hear all about her research, which sounded fascinating, and also to find another academic devoted to shedding light on the immense potential Hip Hop has to empower, educate, and heal.”

“Although I established that Cambridge wasn’t for me, I managed to secure a great contact in Becky and will continue to be in touch, as I think it would be awesome to work with the Hip Hop Psych program in the near future.”

Oxford

“Visiting the UK universities was definitely a different experience than the U.S, both in terms of the culture and the university structure. Whilst I enjoyed the UK leg of the trip, it also served to confirm that New York and the States will be the place I’ll be looking to explore future postgraduate studies.”

Left to right: Shelley Cable (Curtin Uni); Nicholas Johnson (Monash); Judd Harris (Curtin Uni); Bobby Maher (Curtin Uni); Karen Daniels (Uni of Newcastle); Skye Akbar (UniSA); Nathan Canuto (Charles Darwin); Luke Patterson (UniMelb); Jared Field (USYD); Nathan Bird (UQ and UniMelb); Tahjee Moar (UNSW); Christian Woodward (Deakin Uni); Rhiannon Allan (Uni of Newcastle); Allanah Hunt (CQU).
The Aurora Indigenous Scholars International Study Tour program is jointly funded by the Australian Government Department of Education.

We are also grateful for the generous support provided by:

**Universities**
- Australian National University
- Australian Studies Committee at Harvard University
- Central Queensland University
- Columbia University
- Curtin University
- Deakin University
- Griffith University
- Harvard University
- James Cook University
- Monash University
- Queensland University of Technology
- Rhodes House, Oxford
- Stanford University
- Swinburne University of Technology
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Cambridge
- University of Canberra
- University of Newcastle
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oxford
- University of South Australia
- University of Sydney
- University of Tasmania
- University of Technology Sydney
- University of Western Australia
- University of Western Sydney
- Victoria University

**Foundations and other organisations**
- Cambridge Commonwealth, European & International Trust
- Charlie Perkins Scholarship Trust
- Coronella Fund, a sub-fund of Australian Communities Foundation
- Elizabeth Eggleston Fund, a sub-fund of Australian Communities Foundation
- Holiday Inn, Potts Point
- Keith and Jeanette Ince Fund, a sub-fund of Australian Communities Foundation
- James N Kirby Foundation
- Mayer Morris Family Fund, a sub-fund of Australian Communities Foundation
- Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation

**Cambridge Colleges**
- Caius College
- Christ’s College
- Clare College
- Clare Hall
- Darwin College
- Emmanuel College
- King’s College
- Lucy Cavendish College
- Pembroke College
- Sidney Sussex College
- St Catharine’s College
- St Edmund’s College
- Trinity College
- Trinity Hall
- Wolfson College

**Corporate Supporters**
- Rio Tinto

**Individuals**
- Jordi Austin
- Lloyd Berger
- Andrew Black
- Mark Carnegie
- Judge Richard Cogswell
- Jeff McMullen
- Rebecca Murray
- Warwick Negus
- Tim Payne
- Liane Potok
- Tim & Sally Sims

**Oxford Colleges**
- Balliol College
- Corpus Christi College
- Exeter College
- Corpus Christi College
- Green Templeton College
- Jesus College
- Keble College
- Linacre College
- St John’s College
- The Queen’s College
- Trinity College
- Wadham College