

Brennan Justice &  
Leadership Program



# SUMMER CIRCLE

*2023-2024*

*Fun activities to boost your ROJ*

# What is Summer Circle?

- ✓ We curate so you don't have to.

Summer is a great time to boost ROJ and LTS outside your busy study schedule. That's why we've created a jam-packed guide full of recommendations for movies, podcasts, tv shows, and events.

This means you can take advantage of your time off by avoiding tedious research without compromising your Brennan Program progress.

**Keep reading to find out what's special about this Summer Circle.**

# When is Summer Circle?

**Monday 4 December to Sunday 18 February.** During this time all claims made in CareerHub will tally up to increase your ROJ.

**No need to register or sign up.** The program administrators will track your ROJ and LTS submissions in February and automatically apply your additional ROJ.

Note: bonus points are capped at 20 ROJ per Summer Circle

## Bonus ROJ Available

- ✓ 20 - 40 ROJ = 5 Bonus ROJ
- ✓ 45 or more = 10 Bonus ROJ
- ✓ Every set of 20 LTS = 5 Bonus ROJ

## What can I claim as ROJ points?

As long as you can reflect on an experience in a meaningful way, and link the reflection to social justice, there are no restrictions on the format or medium for ROJ claims.

Below are some examples of how ROJ can be accrued.



**20 ROJ can be accrued for participation in our exclusive 2023/2024 Summer Circle initiative, read more on the next slide.**



Podcasts can be on a range of topics and earn you 5 ROJ if reflected upon in 350-words.



Reading and reflecting on a book in 1000-words can offer up to 20 ROJ. Check out the Brennan Book Program's recommendations.



Movies, TV series and documentaries can offer 5 ROJ with a 350-word reflection.



Any art or cultural event that has a link to social justice can provide 5 ROJ when you upload a selfie at the event or proof-of-attendance in CareerHub.



This year the Brennan Justice and Leadership Program students have been granted special access to the **Videos for Change** platform!

Videos for Change is a video platform for youth expression. Open to students up-to 25-years, this platform is an incredible database of videos which speak to social justice issues and real-world problems on a global scale.


Not only do you have an opportunity to create something fun, but using this platform will allow you to take advantage of video creation resources and Mindframe guides for creating impressive videos that you'll be proud to share with others. Sharing online, on Instagram, Facebook or LinkedIn is an amazing way to promote how you think, your concerns on social justice, and how you're a leader.

## Benefits

- ✓ 20 ROJ
- ✓ Resources for learning in one hub, save time!
- ✓ Free to use, save money!
- ✓ Go global!
- ✓ Share your message and concern for Social Justice

# *Exclusive to Summer Circle*

# Videos for Change



Click here to  
access the  
platform

**Your hard work will be showcased at a Brennan screening event in 2024, details TBC.**

# What do I make a video about?

Here's some suggestions to get you started...

## Leadership Through Service

Volunteering for a not-for-profit? You could create a one-minute video about the social gap your organisation is working in to spread awareness of the issue.

## Public Speaking Competition

Did you participate in the UTS LSS X Brennan Program Public Speaking Competition? Create a one-minute video of the content and re-use the research you've done.

## Brennan Book Program

Have you read a title from the Brennan Book Program either this year or in previous years? Create a one-minute video raising awareness about one of the topics or themes in the book which speaks to you.

## Brennan Justice Talks Series

Have you attended a Justice Talks event and resonated with the content? Create a one-minute video of your take on the topic and spread awareness of the issue at hand.

# Summer Circle

## *What else do we have in here?*

Lots of suggestions to help  
you stay relaxed, save time,  
keep engaged and have fun!

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# Brennan Book Program

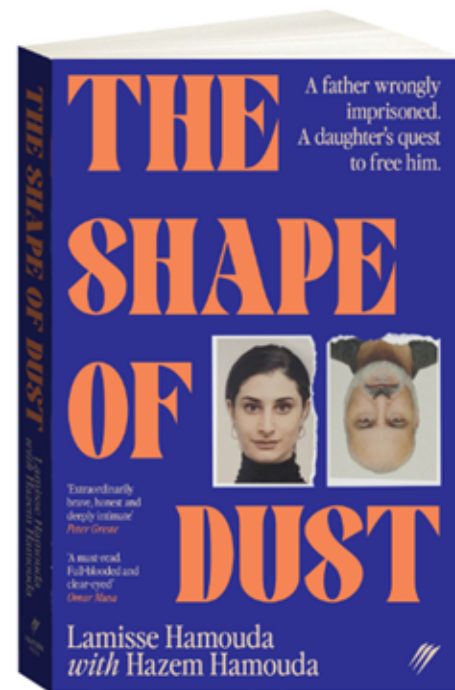
## 2024

### *Dual Narrative*

This year's theme is “Dual Narrative”. In Australia we have a diverse mix of people, stories, and experiences. When we get to university we have an opportunity to learn who and what the world is really made of. This theme is about recognising the multiplicity and complexity of experiences navigating Australian life and culture through non-fiction and fiction titles. We hope there'll be something for everyone here. If you find a title in the wild, and think Brennan students would be keen to read, then go ahead and share it in the **Brennan Collective on Facebook**. We love seeing new names contribute to the program.

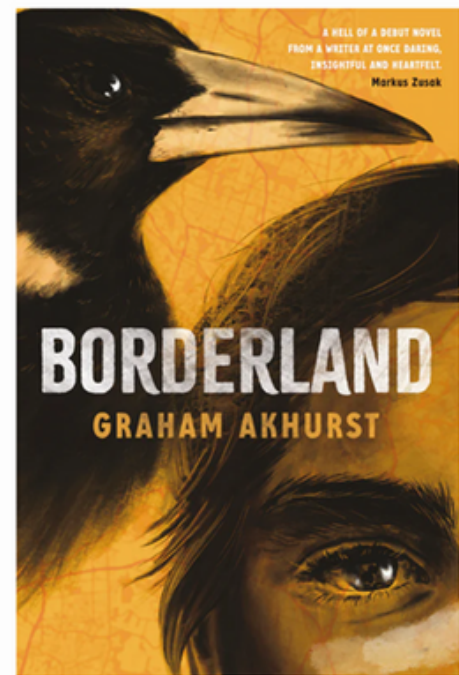
Students who pick a book from this list are encouraged to read, write, and reflect on the topics and themes in 1000-words for 20ROJ. Remember, students are **capped at 2 x book** reflections in a single calendar year, and you can bring your own book if you like.





**Lamisse Hamouda, The Shape of Dust**

A story about a woman navigating both Australian and Egyptian legal systems in a fight to free her father who disappears on his way to a family holiday.



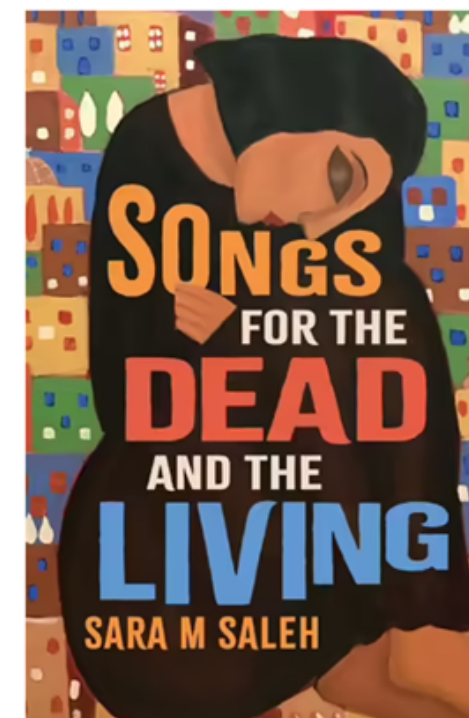
**Graham Akhurst, Borderland**

Jono has just scored his dream job, but it negatively conflicts with his Indigenous culture and upbringing so severely that he experiences visions of malevolent spirits. Author Graham Akhurst is a UTS creative writing lecturer.



**Peter Polites, God Forgets About The Poor**

This book is a story of affection and care for a Greek migrant mother and the tenacity required to immigrate to Australia.



**Sara M Saleh, Songs for the Dead and the Living**

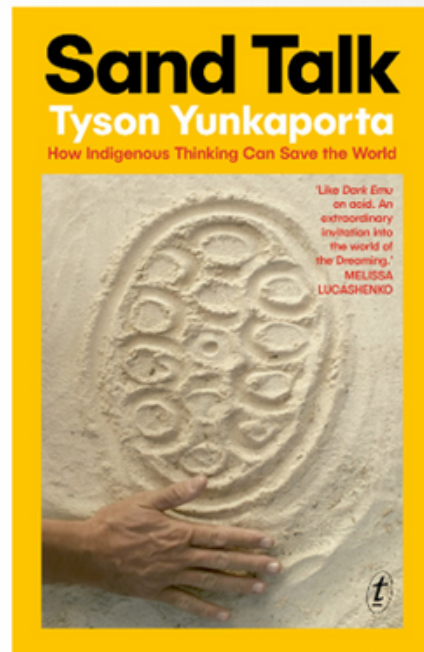
Jamilah is a Palestinian refugee who enjoyed life with her large and loving family in Beirut until conflict forces them through another journey of escape to Australia. This is a coming-of-age tale played out across generations and continents.



**Amy Thunig, Tell Me Again**

Amy Thunig thought she knew everything about her life, that's until she became heavily pregnant with her own daughter. This memoir narrates Amy's journey through childhood and adolescence growing up with parents who struggled with addiction and incarceration.





**Tyson Yunkaporta,  
Sand Talk: How  
Indigenous Thinking  
Can Save the World**

Looking at global systems from an Indigenous perspective, Tyson Yunkaporta asks: How contemporary life diverges from the pattern of creation, and how can we do things differently?



**Shankari Chandran,  
Chai Time at  
Cinnamon Gardens**

Set in a nursing home in Western Sydney, this story narrates resident lives with colourful histories. However, even in this context they are still threatened by malignant forces and forced to reckon with a country divided.



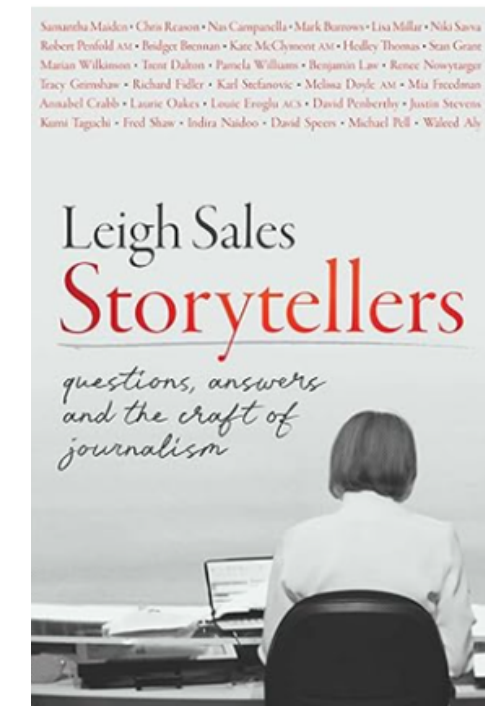
**Austin Channing  
Brown, I'm Still Here:  
Black Dignity in a  
World Made for  
Whiteness**

Named Austin to fool future employers, this story details the intricacies of navigating a white world as a Black woman in America.



**Andre Dao, Anam**

Moving from 1930s Hanoi through a series of never-ending wars and displacements, Anam is a novel about memory and inheritance, colonialism and belonging, home and exile.



**Leigh Sales,  
Storytellers**

This work introduces us to the art of storytelling through interviews with some of Australia's prominent journalists. Showing us what story telling requires, this book is for those who wonder how narratives are told.

# Arts and Cultural Events



## **Sydney Theatre Company - RBG: Of many, One**

The second woman to be appointed to the US Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was both a trailblazer in the American judiciary and a fierce advocate for gender equality and reproductive rights. Now, her life is brought to the stage by the extraordinary pen of Olivier Award-winning Australian playwright Suzie Miller (Prima Facie), in a story that chronicles Ginsburg's wins and dissents, traces her steps forward and the steps back, and brings you right into the room with Ruth at the most pivotal moments of her life.

Single tickets are on sale from 7 December, with the performances 9 Feb – 23 March 2024.



## **Belvoir Street Theatre – TIDDAS**

Adapted from author Anita Heiss's (2023 Brennan book program addition) written works, Tiddas is a story about five women who talk about life, love and books. Each woman carries a complex secret and one weekend, without warning, everything comes unstuck.

Tickets are on sale through the Belvoir Street Theatre website with performances between 12-28 January 2024



## **Absolutely Queer – Powerhouse Museum Ultimo until 31 December 2023**

Absolutely Queer is an exhibition celebrating contemporary queer creativity for Sydney WorldPride 2023.

It showcases Sydney's leading queer creatives who are reshaping attitudes towards their community through their work, creative processes and personal stories, and features costumes, design, artworks, fashion, activism and multimedia.

From installation and performance artists to videogame developers, cartoonists and fashion designers, these creatives form a diverse snapshot of LGBTQIA+ creativity and activism in Sydney



# Podcasts

Here's some suggestions to get you started...

## 100 Climate Conversations

For those concerned about the climate, you'll love the 100 Climate Conversations by the Powerhouse Museum. Inviting journalists, politicians, Aboriginal leaders, and scientists these conversations are a record of the implications of climate change and approaches for solutions. Below are some suggestions, but don't forget you've got **100 Climate Conversations to choose from.**

- Alex Elliot-Howery – A climate conscious kitchen
- David Barnden – Climate change risks and the law
- Kerryn Brent – Governing climate intervention tech
- Joe Morrison – Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation

## New Books Network

The BBC New Books Network is a great way to learn about new concepts and ideas in contemporary thought and academia. You might even like to read the book after and submit a reflection for 20 ROJ. You can browse the network or get started with the suggestions below.

- In Quest of a Shared Planet: Negotiating Climate from the Global South
- Madwomen in Social Justice Movements, Literatures, and Art
- Industry Unbound: The inside story of Privacy, Data, and Corporate Power
- The Civic Bargain: How Democracy Survives
- Disability Pride: Dispatches from a Post-ADA world



# Kanopy

Kanopy is a documentary streaming service with access included through your UTS login details. Check out these suggestions or browse the website categories yourself. Don't forget to reflect in 350-words and upload into an ad-hoc form for 5 ROJ.



## Three minutes - a lengthening

Examines a home movie shot in 1938 in a Jewish town in Poland and delays its ending. An essay about film, history and memory. Narrated by Helena Bonham-Carter.



## Defining US

Examining US's largest schools to show the struggles, hopes, and dreams of marginalised students and educators fighting to rise above a divisive culture war over race and national identity.



## Night Cries, Tracey Moffatt

One of Australia's most influential film artists, Moffatt's Night Cries has been remastered. This tells the story of a white woman and her adopted Aboriginal daughter. Moffatt is a national icon and her work still speaks to colonialism and identity today.



## Legal Briefs Series

In these short episodes Lizzie O'Shea talks to Australia's top legal minds. She takes you into the courts and places where law is made.



## Namatjira Project

A first hand account of the battle to reclaim artwork and heritage of one of Australia's most prominent Indigenous figures. In 1983 the government sold the rights to Namatjira's work despite him leaving it to his wife and children. This is for the IP lawyers.



## Radical Ideas in Justice and Regulation

Restorative justice and responsive regulation are policy ideas that have spread widely in the 21st Century. This documentary dives into the thinking behind fixing rather than punishing.



# SBS on Demand



## Seeking Justice Part 1 and 2

Justice: How do we define it and why do we seek it? In this special two-part series, insight speaks to those who are still fighting for justice and those who've been wrongfully convicted



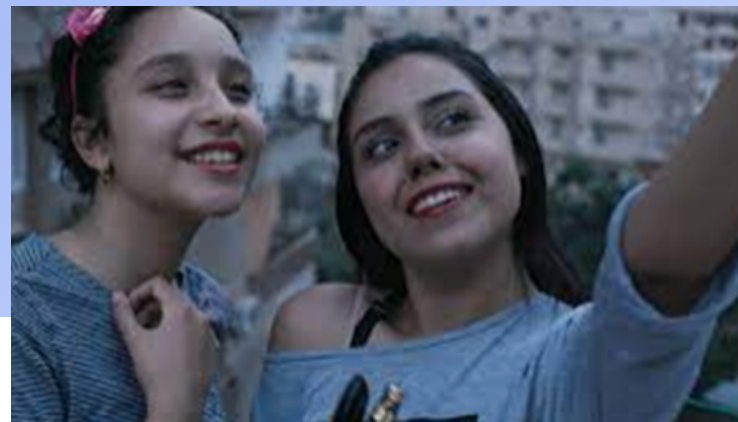
## Concerned Citizen

A man decides to improve his neighbourhood by planting a tree on his street, which triggers a sequence of events leading to the arrest of an Eritean immigrant.



## Nowhere Special

A 35-year-old window cleaner who has dedicated his life to raising his young son on his own searches for the perfect replacement family when he learns he only has months to live.



## Souad

Following Souad's suicide, her younger sister embarks on a journey in search for answers. She begins to understand the harsh social dynamics, which led to the suicide of a young girl.

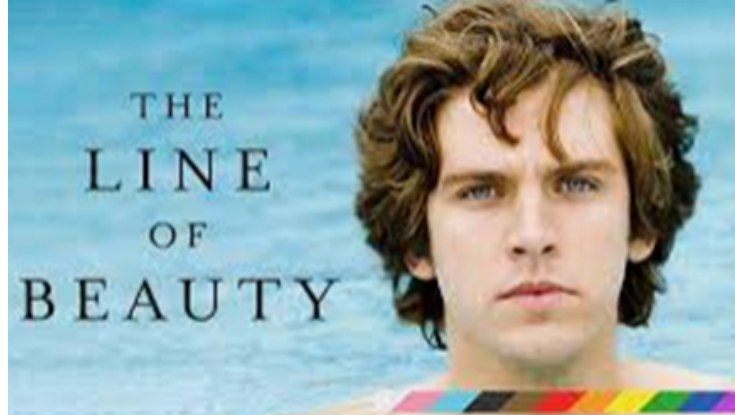


## Yuni

An intelligent Indonesian student's community expect her to get married during secondary school. However, she leaves no stone unturned to resist getting married and pursuing her education



# ABC iView



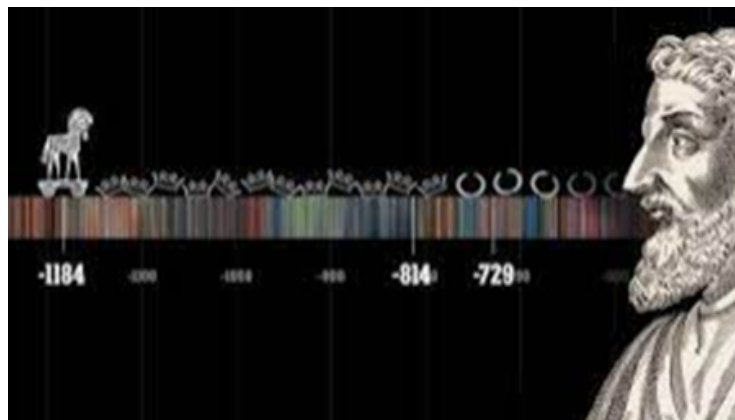
## The Line of Beauty

Andrew Davies' adaptation of Alan Hollinghurst's Booker Prize winning tale of a young gay man's experiences of social change, hedonism and hypocrisy in 1980s Britain.



## The Secret River

Based on the award winning novel, the compelling drama series follows Sal and William Thornhill as they struggle to take ownership of Hawkesbury River land already inhabited by local Indigenous people.



## Dates that made history

This series tells world history through a few major dates, revisited through the prism of memory. Driven by historian Patrick Boucheron, history comes to life under our eyes with bold and entertaining graphics.



## Creating a Nation

Australia is a multicultural country, people from all over the world have made their homes here. Hear the stories of diverse Australians as they share the journeys they or their ancestors have taken to make Australia home.



## Dust Echoes

Animated Dreamtimes stories from Central Arnhem Land, based on traditional stories of love, loyalty, duty to Country and Aboriginal custom and law. Made in collaboration with Djilpin Aboriginal Arts Corporation.

# ***Brennan Justice Talks Webpage***

The Justice Talks webpage is your home for all Brennan Program Justice Talks. The on-demand webpage was designed to provide students an opportunity to catch up on previous talks, so they don't miss out!

All videos in the Justice Talks webpage can be viewed and reflected upon in 350-words for 5 ROJ. The only condition is double-up. If you attended the event and received 5 ROJ, you can't receive another for your 350-word reflection.





# ***MORE IDEAS FOR ROJ***

## **Netflix, Binge, Stan, Prime, Apple TV**

Don't forget you can browse your own streaming services for shows that have a link to social justice. All you need to do is watch it and reflect on it in 350-words, then upload into CareerHub via an "Ad-hoc form" in the Brennan Workflow.

## **Legal Aid NSW Webinars**

Legal aid NSW's YouTube Channel houses a range of past webinars on the topic of legal procedures. If you are keen to learn about the practicalities of the legal profession and what the process is like from the victims perspective, this is for you. Watch, reflect in 350-words and upload into CareerHub.

## **Events and Excursions**

Why not grab a few mates and obtain ROJ together? Attend an event that interests you and has a link to social justice. Post it on the Brennan Collective to garner interest and have a fun time together. Upload a selfie or group photo as your "proof-of-attendance" in the Brennan Workflow under an "External Events" claim form along with your 100-word "top learning points".

# What about LTS?

Summer is a great time for leadership through service hours. You can volunteer for anything in a legal or non-legal capacity. As long as:

- The position is unremunerated except for costs such as travel or meal expenses.
- The service does not attract academic credit or count towards a professional qualification such as PLT or internships.
- The organisation is a not-for-profit. If you're working at a legal firm, the work must be pro bono.

# LTS IDEAS

## *How to claim LTS*

All you need to do is upload a signed Confirmation of Service form to the “Leadership Through Service Claim Form” in your Brennan CareerHub workflow. Here’s a short video that shows you how.

### **Communitier**

This is a platform connecting university students to opportunities for volunteering, both in-person and online, allowing you to meet new people, help others, and build confidence.

### **Australian Red Cross Blood Service**

Donating blood with the Red Cross Blood Service gains you 3 x LTS hours, donating plasma gives you 5! This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the health of Australia, especially for those who suffer from injury, are pregnant, or are going through cancer treatments.

### **Sydney Children’s Hospital Foundation**

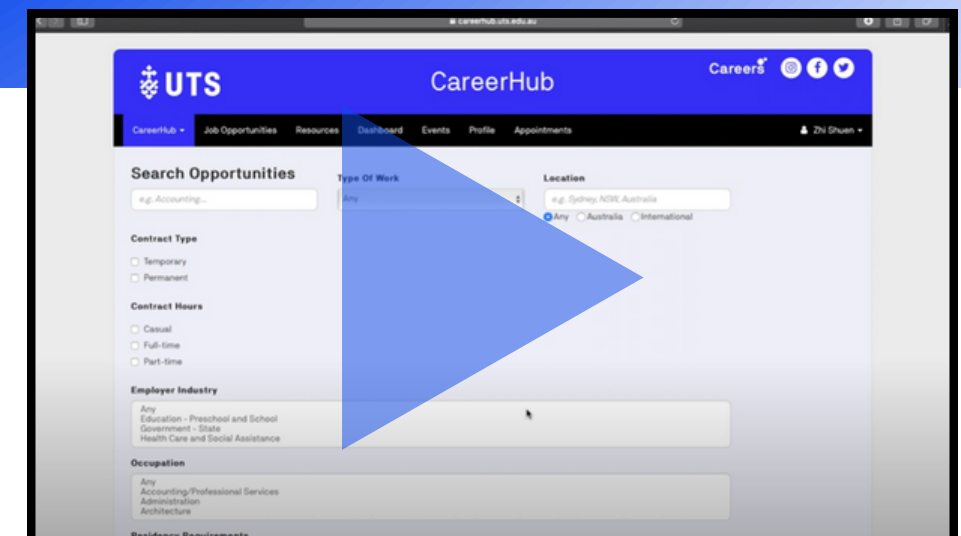
This leading charity works to inspire the community to support sick kids to live their healthiest life. The foundation requires event volunteers throughout the year.

### **The Salvation Army**

You can volunteer at the salvation army in many ways, via op shops or through community events.

### **JewishCare NSW**

Are always on the look out for volunteers to help community members get support in their day-to-day life. From an hour a week to a few hours a day, this could be a flexible opportunity for you.



# ***Afghan Judges Conversational English Initiative***

This initiative aims to improve the use of English for newly arrived Afghan Judges in Australia.

The Brennan Program are on the look out for female students keen to match with a female Afghan Judge. The 30-minute online meetings will occur over the summer period.

This is a fantastic way to meet other students and develop relationships with recently settled Afghan women.

**Want to participate?** Read through the initiative webpage and reach out to the program contacts.

**Click here to  
learn more**

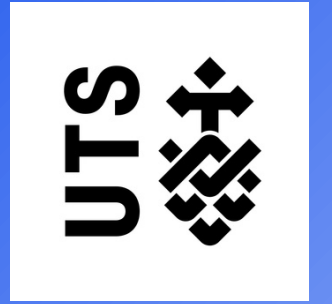


# WHEN TO SUBMIT YOUR CLAIMS

To gain the summer circle bonus points for all your hard work, you must submit all claims by **Sunday 18 February 2024, 11:59PM**

**Questions?** Email: [BrennanProgram@uts.edu.au](mailto:BrennanProgram@uts.edu.au)

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