

**Flinders University
Graduation Ceremonies**

Darwin, December 2024

2024

The Crest

The Flinders University Council adopted a coat of arms for the University on 16 December 1966.

The coat of arms consists of a shield bearing a radiant sun at the base surmounted by an open book on a blue background, with an extract from page 176 of Volume 1 of Matthew Flinders' *A Voyage to Terra Australis* printed on the open pages.

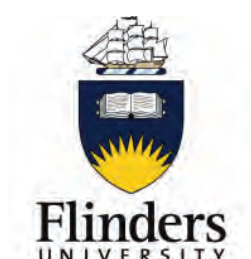
The shield is surmounted by a crest comprising a reproduction of Flinders' ship *Investigator* fully rigged, on a wreath of the University's colours of dark blue, pale blue and white.

The Crest was designed by Kevyn Graham Whisson.

In 2022, the logo was reimagined. Inspired by the ambition of our namesake and the words of our founding Vice-Chancellor Peter Karmel – "*Experiment and experiment bravely*" – Flinders University has always been ready to step away from the security of the familiar and forge new ways forward. As our journey continues, we are evolving our brand and logo to reflect our progress while honouring our past.

Our new aesthetic is designed to capture our strengths as a modern, innovative, inclusive and student-centred organisation.

Flinders University logo evolution



Congratulations to our newest alumni

On behalf of Flinders University, I extend my warmest congratulations to you, our fearless new graduates.

As a fellow graduate and now Chancellor of Flinders University, I can say from personal experience that your time at Flinders will serve you well into the future, wherever your lives may lead.

Today marks the closing of one chapter and the beginning of another filled with endless possibilities.

Flinders University was named after the intrepid navigator Matthew Flinders, a man of humble origins who knew his success would rest on the value of his deeds, writing “Since neither birth nor fortune have favoured me, my actions shall speak to the world”.

Like our namesake, Flinders graduates are fearlessly embracing the unknown to inspire people around the globe. Our graduates have gone on to change lives and change the world in many fields – from medicine, science, and engineering, to law, social sciences, and creative arts.

Now, as a graduate, you will go out into the world and continue this legacy, equipped with the skills and knowledge you need to leave your own unique mark.

It is my honour to welcome you to the Flinders alumni network of visionaries, changemakers and achievers that reaches around the globe. I encourage you to stay connected and access a range of opportunities and benefits, including lifelong learning, professional support and being part of a community in which you can share and celebrate your achievements.

As you move into a new chapter of your lives, please keep in touch, and let us know how your lives evolve. We will be watching your success and progress with great interest and pride.

I hope that you will always remember Flinders University and consider it a significant part of your life – not just today, not just over the past few years while studying, but forever.

You can also be assured that Flinders University will continue to grow and evolve to ensure you are always proud to call yourself a Flinders graduate.

My congratulations to you all.

John Hood
Chancellor



John Hood
Chancellor
Flinders University

Acknowledgement of Country

Flinders University acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which its campuses are located, these are the Traditional Lands of the Arrernte, Dagoman, First Nations of the South East, First Peoples of the River Murray & Mallee region, Jawoyn, Kurna, Larrakia, Ngadjuri, Ngarrindjeri, Ramindjeri, Warumungu, Wardaman and Yolngu people. We honour their Elders past, present and emerging.

Our vision for Reconciliation

Flinders University's collective vision is to foster an environment that recognises and embraces Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, knowledges and cultures. This vision for reconciliation is grounded in the concepts of togetherness, reciprocity, and respect.

We respect and recognise the long-held philosophies, knowledges, research, strengths and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in this country.

Flinders has committed to a second Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan to more deeply embed the learnings from our inaugural RAP across our campuses and communities, building on two decades of incremental advances in prioritising Indigenous engagement in higher education. We continue to work across our staff, student and alumni community to increase respectful recognition, knowledge and awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and contributions.

Explore our Reconciliation Action Plan at:
[Flinders.edu.au/rap](https://flinders.edu.au/rap)

Tiles are designed by Dr. Ali Baker and painted by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students during Orientation week at Flinders University.



Congratulations – you are now a Flinders University graduate.

Today we celebrate not just the culmination of your hard work, but the spirit of fearlessness that carried you through this journey.

Your testamur tells the world that you are equipped with a body of advanced knowledge and skills that sets you apart, earned by your dedication, relentless hard work, and an unwavering commitment to your dreams.

The route to academic success is seldom simple or easy. Embarking on study is a big decision, and choosing what to study and where to study can set the course of one's life.

You've chosen wisely.

A Flinders degree is highly regarded, showing you've got what it takes to succeed at a university that is amongst the best in the world.

At Flinders University, we share our namesake's ambition and commitment to making a difference in the lives of those around us through the value of the work we do. From a quality education that transforms the lives of our students, to the world-class research that impacts communities around the world, Flinders is helping shape the future for us all.

Alongside your personal dedication, it's important to acknowledge the invaluable support of your family, friends, fellow graduates, and our staff who have helped you along the way. I encourage you to maintain those connections you have made at Flinders; many of them will stay with you for life.

As you step out into the world, remember that your journey doesn't end with graduation. Lifelong learning is the key to continued success. Your time at Flinders University has equipped you with the foundation, but it's up to you to build upon it.

Be fearless in pursuing knowledge and adapting to an ever-changing world.

During your time with us, you will have felt the power of our deeply held values of courage, integrity, innovation, and excellence. These values guide everything we do, and they will serve you well into your future.

Congratulations, graduates. Flinders is immensely proud of your accomplishments.

As you turn the page to the next chapter in your life, remember that your Flinders family will always be here to support you on your journey.

Professor Colin Stirling
President and Vice-Chancellor



Professor Colin J Stirling
President and Vice-Chancellor
Flinders University

Academic dress

The history of academic dress spans a period of more than 600 years from the earliest days of universities to present. The tradition of wearing academic dress continues in universities around the world.

At Flinders University, the wearing of a hood by the graduate to indicate their College is the principal feature. The hood of Flinders' academic dress is a dark blue. The colours of the hood's lining and piping are prescribed by the University and distinguish the different award and College.

Graduates who identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian are entitled to wear a stole of either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander colours, worn over the gown and under the hood.

List of hood piping colours

	Blue for College of Business, Government and Law
	Orange for College of Education, Psychology and Social Work
	Yellow for College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
	Green for College of Medicine and Public Health
	Red for College of Nursing and Health Sciences
	Purple for College of Science and Engineering

Academic dress colours

Academic dress is made up of three parts; the **gown**, the **hood** and the **cap**. The cap is a black mortarboard with black tassel, unless graduating with a doctorate, where a black velvet bonnet with a black cord is worn.



Higher Doctorate

Gown: Red with coloured trim
Hood: Red lined with the colour of the discipline



Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Gown: Navy with red trim
Hood: Navy with red lining (no piping)



Doctorate (other than PhD and Doctor of Medicine)

Gown: Red with coloured trim
Hood: Navy with red lining and coloured piping



Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Clinical Sciences and Doctor of Medicine

Gown: Black with glove sleeves
Hood: Navy with light green lining (no piping)



Masters

Gown: Black with glove sleeves
Hood: Navy with pale blue lining and coloured piping



Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas

Gown: Black with open sleeves
Hood: Navy with pale blue lining (no piping)



Bachelor

Gown: Black with open sleeves
Hood: Navy with white lining and coloured piping



Undergraduate, Associate Degrees and Associate Diplomas

Gown: Black with open sleeves
Hood: Navy with white lining (no piping)

Graduation ceremony

Tuesday 10 December 2024
3pm
Darwin Convention Centre

PROGRAM

Entry of Academic Procession

Australian National Anthem
Welcome to Country
Opening of Proceedings
Speeches
Presentation of Graduates
Closing of Proceedings
Afternoon Tea

Officers of the University

Chancellor

Mr John Hood

Deputy Chancellors

Ms Elizabeth Perry AM

Mr Douglas Gautier AM

President and Vice-Chancellor

Professor Colin J Stirling

Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students)

Professor Romy Lawson

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

Professor Ray Chan

Vice-President and Pro Vice-Chancellor (International)

Mr Sebastian Raneskold

Vice-President (Corporate Services)

Mr Mark Gregory

General Counsel & University Secretary

Mr Marc Davies

College Vice-Presidents and Executive Deans

Business, Government and Law

Professor Michael Gilding

Education, Psychology and Social Work

Professor Deborah West

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Professor Peter Monteath

Medicine and Public Health

Professor Jonathan Craig

Nursing and Health Sciences

Professor Alison Kitson

Science and Engineering

Professor Alistair Rendell

Congratulatory messages

Congratulations to Graduates of the 2024 local Doctor of Medicine (NTMP) and Bachelor of Paramedicine and local students who have graduated from a range of Flinders University degrees.

You will join over 1250 proud alumni living and working in the Northern Territory that continue to connect with Flinders University.

Medical graduates will join a well-established cohort of graduates including 208 doctors, 20 identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

Paramedicine graduates will be celebrated as among the first to complete their entire degree in the Northern Territory and will become role models for future and current students.

Congratulations and we look forward to your continued participation in our Flinders community of practice.



Professor Robyn Aitken
Dean of Rural and Remote
Health SA & NT



Professor James Smith
Deputy Dean Rural and
Remote Health NT



Associate Professor Emma Kennedy
Academic Coordinator of the Flinders
NT Medical Program

Flinders students based in the NT have one of the richest learning environments in the world. The ability to engage in two-way learning that bridges Indigenous and Western worldviews is unique and is something I regularly hear our students talk about in a positive way. It is reassuring to know that Flinders graduates take this knowledge into their workplaces to improve the health and social wellbeing of all Territorians. We should all be proud of these achievements.

Completing the program is a huge achievement. I am inspired by you as students in your tenacity, commitment, inquiry and vulnerability. I look forward to working with you in translating this into the care needed in our patients, their families and our community. Thank you for choosing to study in the NT. Congratulations!

Graduates - Doctor of Medicine

Flinders University is recognised globally as a leader in medical education and universities worldwide have adopted the curriculum of our medical program. The program integrates clinical medicine with a strong underpinning in the relevant biomedical sciences, while also providing students with a broader understanding of health in a range of social contexts, with a commitment to social justice and equity.

As a professional qualification, the Flinders University Doctor of Medicine (MD) is accredited by the Australian Medical Council to deliver outstanding clinical and academic training, ensuring students are well prepared for the challenges of internship and future professional training.

The Northern Territory Medical Program (NTMP), which commenced in 2011 in partnership with Charles Darwin University, the NT Government and the Australian Government, has enabled the full four years of the Flinders MD to be taught in the Northern Territory. Over the last decade, 24 Territorians each year can study to become a doctor without having to leave home. In 2023, the number of commencing students increased to 30, and in 2024 number increased again to 39.

The MD provides high quality accredited medical education to local students. Curriculum delivery is innovative, using the latest technologies to ensure quality teaching across the Australian Central Corridor in a variety of settings, preparing a fit-for-context medical workforce for rural and remote Australia and Indigenous Australians. Building on 50 years of success, students learn on Flinders campuses and in partner health services in Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek, and Nhulunbuy, as well as some of the most remote primary health care centres in Australia. The NTMP taps into the deep vein of clinical and public health expertise of local practitioners who are national and international leaders in their field.

While graduates are skilled to practice anywhere in the world, the contextualised curriculum of the NTMP ensures that we produce graduates who are Territorians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people trained in the Territory, for the Territory.

Congratulations to the 2024 graduates of the Northern Territory Medical Program.

College of Medicine and Public Health

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Jai Defranciscis

Helen Fairhurst

Rizal Fenwick

Carmel Ferrer

Matthew Fletcher

Joe Hedger

Ethan Hill

Cassandra Ho

Gabriel Jackson

Alexei Joukovski

Aisha Lay

Madison Ludwig

Matika Marchant

Emma McKenzie

Bilal Mir

Sarah Othman

Syeda Amel Safi

Rasul Sahingoz

Loganathan Sivarajan

Alex Zahnleiter

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE WITH DISTINCTION

George Kypreos

Graduates - Bachelor of Paramedicine NT

Being a paramedic means being there for people when they need it most, and it means working in a career dedicated to helping others.

The Bachelor of Paramedicine at Flinders is one of the longest running paramedicine programs in the country, seeing more than 1500 graduates over the past two decades.

Commencing delivery in 2021, this year sees the second graduating cohort of the Bachelor of Paramedicine (NT), contributing to the recruitment and retention of workforce locally. The program is accredited by the Paramedicine Board of Australia and designed to prepare students for the challenges they will face clinically, and personally, as a frontline paramedic.

College of Medicine and Public Health

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF PARAMEDICINE

Cameron Proctor



Graduates - Other Courses

GRADUATES – OTHER COURSES

Flinders University is delighted to acknowledge the achievements of Northern Territory residents who have completed a range of degrees.

Since 2020, graduands have been given the opportunity to celebrate their achievements here in Darwin on Larrakia land with family and their local community.

We look forward to your contribution to the Northern Territory workforce in the years to come, and that you continue to join us for alumni events that celebrate over 1250 Northern Territorians who have completed Flinders University degrees over time.

Congratulations!

College of Business, Government and Law

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Thau Luu

College of Education, Psychology and Social Work

MASTER OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL EDUCATION)

Dolina Dyson

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH (CRITICAL CARE NURSING)

Zvanyadza Nesvinga

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING

Amy Mckay

College of Medicine and Public Health

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH PROMOTION

Deborah Mauger

MASTER OF CLINICAL EDUCATION BY COURSEWORK

Melissa Ridd

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Suzanne McGill

Congratulations!

Now that you have finished your degree at Flinders University, you have become a lifelong member of our Alumni Network. You join more than 130,000 Flinders alumni across 130 countries who are finding their place, leaving their mark and making a difference around the world!

Leverage your degree long after graduation by tapping into this powerful network and making connections wherever your degree takes you.

We're here for you

Keep your career on the move with year-round opportunities to develop your professional capacity, such as:

- Access to Flinders CareerHub for job listings and career support for two years
- Professional development opportunities
- Networking at a range of course, College and University events
- Mentoring a current student

- Postgraduate study or short courses
- Public lectures – in person, live streamed or recorded

These opportunities are promoted in our monthly alumni e-newsletter – keep an eye out for it in your inbox. And don't forget to update us if you move or change email address, that way we can let you know about events and opportunities in your location.



Flinders NT Medical Program 10 Year Anniversary Gala



Darwin Alumni Cocktail Evening and Flinders Automotive Solar Team (FAST) meet and greet

Celebrating Alumni Achievements

Flinders is honoured to count among its alumni:

1 Fields Medallist

6 Rhodes Scholars

30 Fulbright Scholars

350+ Australian Honours recipients



Flinders University Alumni Awards

The annual Flinders University Alumni Awards acknowledge the significant contributions made by our graduates in their field, to the University or to the community locally, nationally and internationally. The awards include the Convocation Medal, Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Early Career Alumni Awards.

Congratulations to our 2024 recipients!

Convocation Medal

Dr Brendan Nelson AO

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery 1983,
Doctor of the University honoris causa (Honorary) 2011

Distinguished Alumni Award

Catherine Fitzgerald

Bachelor of Arts 1982, Bachelor of Arts with Honours 1989

Professor Tom Gordon

Doctor of Philosophy (Medicine) 1987, Doctor of Medicine 1996

Lauren Hillman

Bachelor of Arts 2000, Bachelor of Arts with Honours 2002

Simon Schrapel AM

Master of Policy and Administration 2005

Greg Taylor

Bachelor of Commerce 2005

Professor Anthony Williams

Doctor of Philosophy (Physical Sciences) 1985

Early Career Alumni Award

Launched in 2020, the Early Career Alumni Award recognises the outstanding achievements and contributions of graduates in their early career (up to five years after graduating from an undergraduate or postgraduate degree).

This year we celebrate the achievements of Early Career Alumni Awardees:

Sara Carrison

Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry 2019

Thao Hoang

Master of Social Work 2021

Dr Xuan Luo

Diploma in Communication and Information Technology 2008, Bachelor of Human Nutrition 2012, Master of Biotechnology Studies 2014, Doctor of Philosophy 2019

Dr Emad Roshandel

Doctor of Philosophy 2023

**Who are the Flinders alumni that inspire you?
Consider nominating them for a Flinders
University Alumni Award in 2025. Nominations
open early next year!**

Read more:

[Flinders.edu.au/alumni-awards](https://flinders.edu.au/alumni-awards)



Sara Carrison



Dr Brendan Nelson AO



Thao Hoang



We look forward to staying connected

We are so excited for your next move after you graduate from Flinders University, but we also want to continue to engage with you, inspire you and help you reach your career goals into the future.

Staying connected is an important way for us to let you know about Flinders University Alumni Network activities, professional development opportunities, reunions and events in your location (whether that is Sydney, Shanghai or Stewart Park).

You can stay connected by updating your contact details whenever you move or change jobs. Fill in the online form or contact the Alumni Relations Team.

Update your details via:

[Flinders.edu.au/update](https://flinders.edu.au/update)

Contact the Alumni Relations Team to find out how you can get involved, share your experiences and develop new ones:

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