

Brennan Justice &
Leadership Program



SUMMER CIRCLE

2024-2025

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 2 December to Sunday 16 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 2024/2025 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.

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

2025

Narratives of In/Equality in Australia

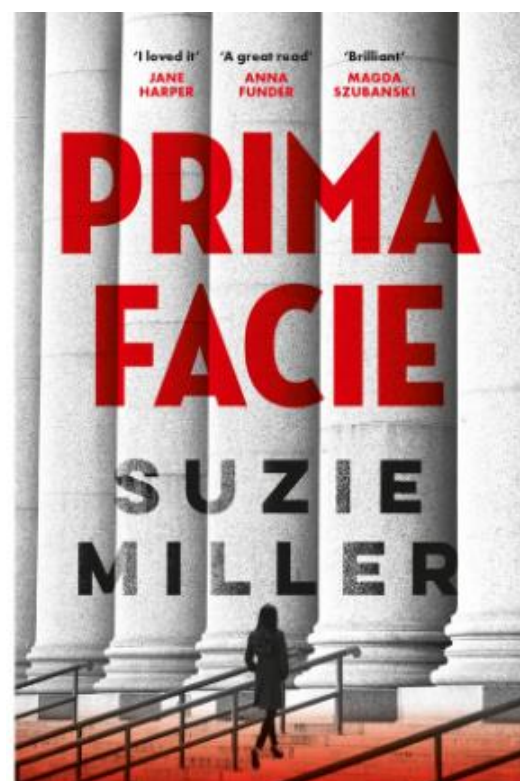
This year's theme, "Narratives of In/Equality in Australia," examines how class, gender, race, and power shape our society. Through a range of fiction and nonfiction titles, these narratives encourage us to critically analyse the inequalities present in Australian life and reflect on how societal structures shape our experiences of both equality and inequality. 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.



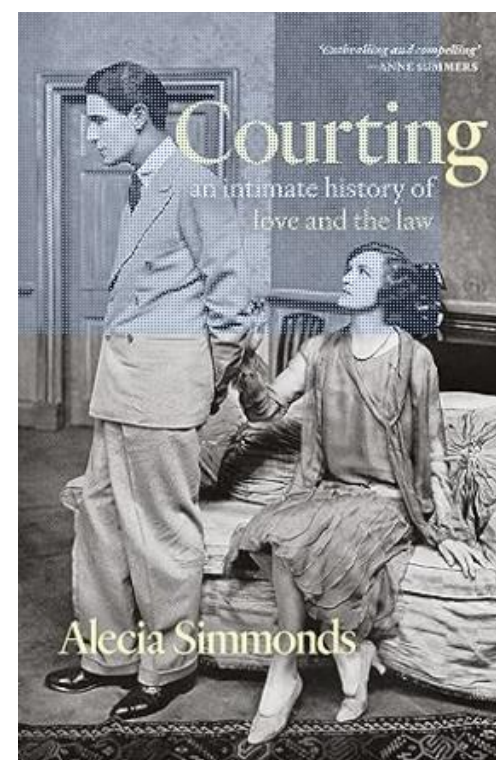
Safe Haven by Shankari Chandran

Fina, a refugee advocate, whose fight against the mistreatment in a detention center leads to her arrest and entangles her in a mystery that shakes a small town and the nation.



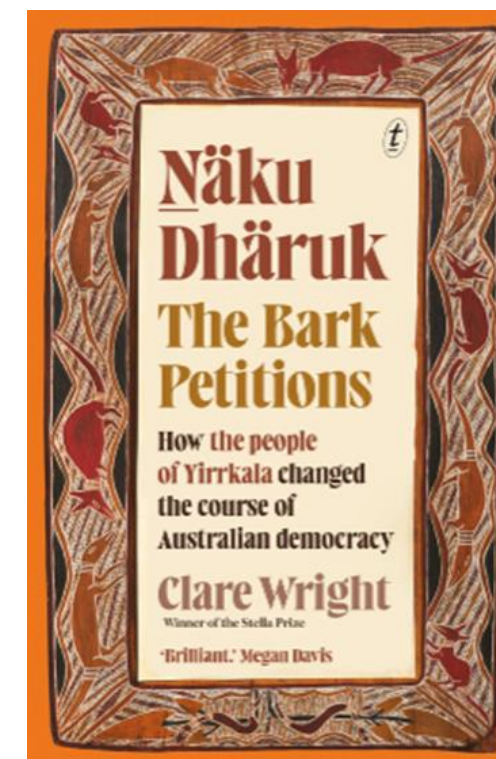
Prima Facie by Suzie Miller

Tessa, a brilliant barrister, faces the harrowing decision to testify about her own rape, confronting the legal system she once mastered, in a raw exploration of the cost of speaking out.



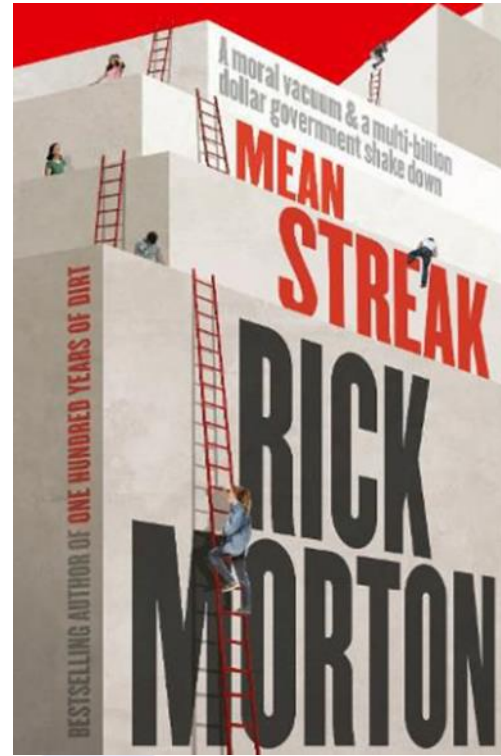
Courting: An Intimate History of Love and the Law by Alecia Simmonds

Until the twentieth century, jilted lovers in Australia could sue for "breach of promise to marry," with court cases revealing intimate insights into romantic customs and the evolving relationship between love and the law, as women increasingly used the courts to assert their rights.



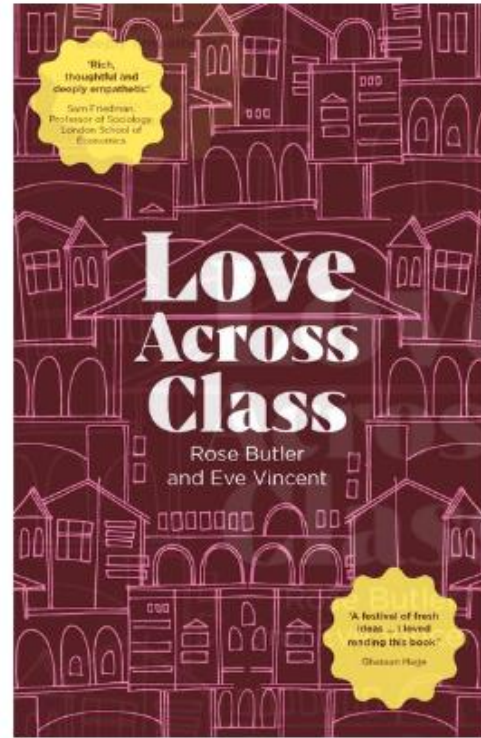
Naku Dharuk: The Bark Petitions by Clare Wright

Naku Dharuk is the story of a founding document in Australian democracy and the trailblazers who made it. It is also a pulsating picture of the ancient and enduring culture of Australia's first peoples.



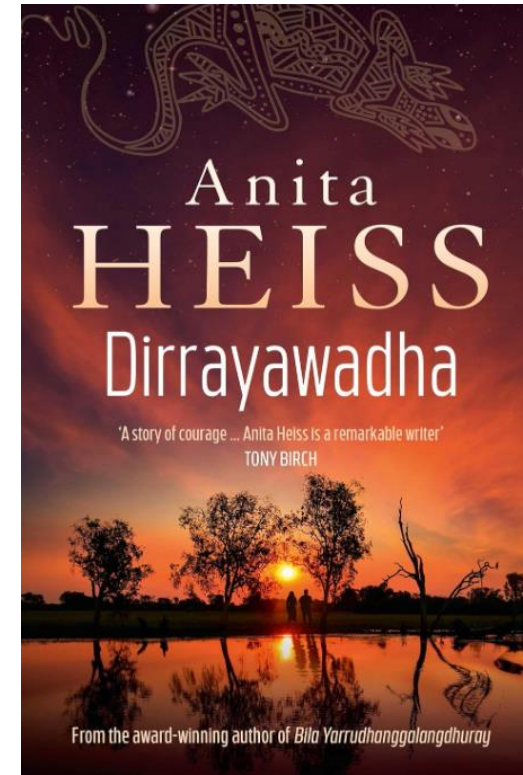
Mean Streak by Rick Morton

A gripping, utterly compelling and horrifying story of how, over the course of four and a half years, Australia's government turned on its most vulnerable citizens.



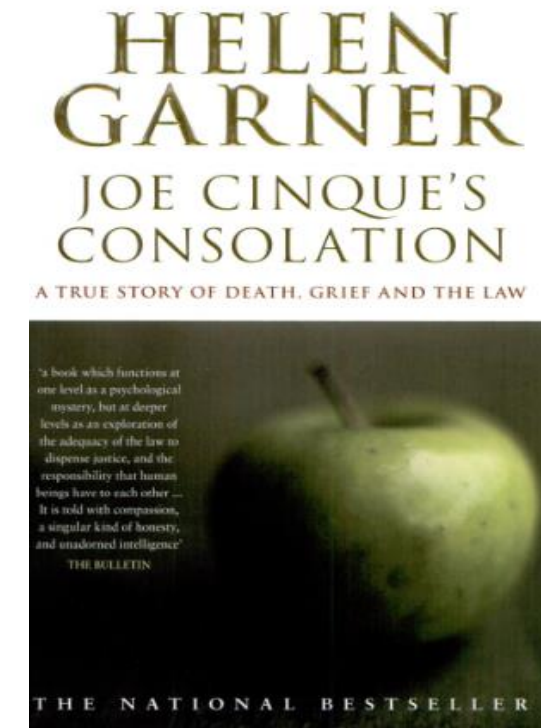
Love Across Class by Rose Butler & Eve Vincent

This book explores how class shapes cross-class relationships in contemporary Australia, revealing the complexities and emotions involved in navigating love across class differences.



Dirrayawadha by Anita Heiss

Miinaa, a young girl living in a settler town, grapples with displacement and loss as she forms a secret bond with Irish convict Daniel O'Dwyer, while her brother, Wiradyuri leader Windradyne, brings news of unrest threatening their homeland.



Joe Cinque's Consolation by Helen Garner

This true story recounts the tragic murder of law student Joe Cinque by his girlfriend, examining the court trials that followed, the complexities of ethics versus the law, and the themes of conscience and duty of care in the face of evil.

Arts and Cultural Events



Chains of Empire – Australian National Maritime Museum

Chains of Empire explores Australia's history with Atlantic Ocean slave trade and the effects of Britain abolishing slavery across its empire in 1833.



Inundated – Australian National Maritime Museum until 31 December 2024

Inundated explores the harrowing impacts of the 2022 floods in Lismore and the Northern Rivers region, told through the lens of Northern Rivers photographer Natalie Grono. The exhibition is especially significant as the Australian climate continues to change and floods are becoming more prevalent worldwide



The Country Cries for Truth: Dr Bronwyn Bancroft – State Library of NSW

A powerful and personal exhibition by distinguished Bundjalung artist Dr Bronwyn Bancroft celebrating family and connection to Country, while exploring the complex and painful legacies of colonisation.

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](#)

Podcasts

Continued...

[The Truth About Amy](#)

A 24-year-old mum tries to escape a violent relationship. She quickly packs the car – her two young daughters are strapped into the back seat. The engine's running. She heads back inside to get one last thing ... and never comes out. A decade after her death was written off as suicide, the case is reopened for a fourth time... this time as a homicide.

[Unravel](#)

On a scratchy recording made in a Melbourne hotel room above a casino, a man admits to committing murder. But as journalist Alicia Bridges investigates the man on the tape known as Mr Big, she finds herself in a world of lies and subterfuge, where very few things are as they seem.

[Bronwyn](#)

Mother of two Bronwyn Winfield was last seen at her family home in Lennox Head on Sunday 16 May 1993. It took her husband Jon Winfield 11 days to report her missing and she has never been found.

[The Missing Campers Trial](#)

The Missing Campers Trial follows the case of Russell Hill and Carol Clay, and the man accused of murdering them, Gregory Lynn, an accusation he denies. Bringing you up to date with an investigation that began in March 2020, through to Gregory Lynn's arrest in November 2021, to now.....The Age Crime & Justice Reporter Erin Pearson will be in court each day as he stands trial.

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



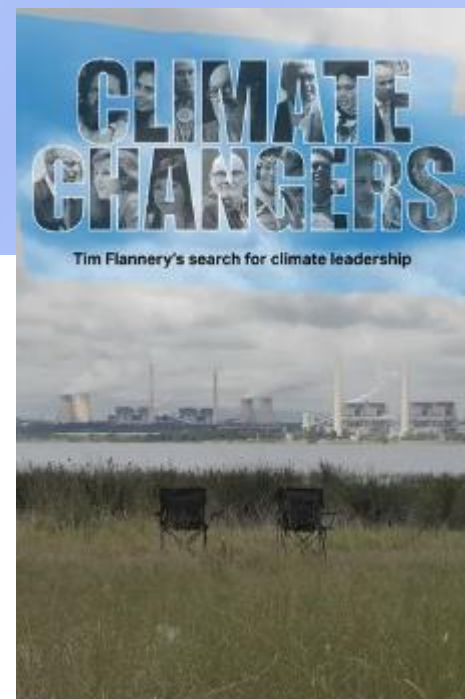
[Seeking Justice Part 1 and 2](#)

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



[Cold Justice – Mark Haines](#)

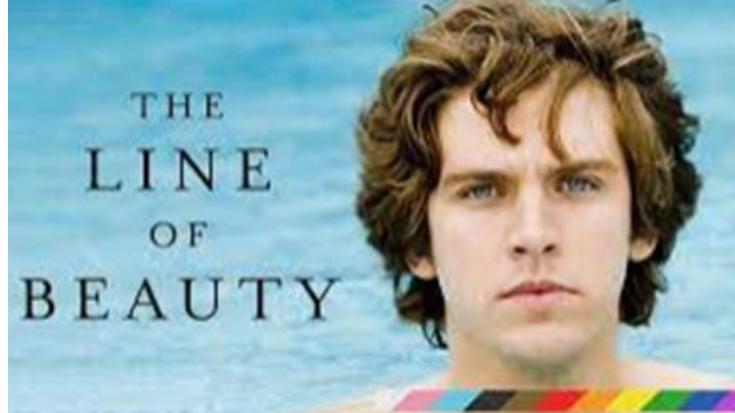
Allan Clarke presents a raw and unfiltered look at the injustice Indigenous Australians face when it comes to unsolved homicides.



[Climate Changers](#)

Tim Flannery searches for leadership on climate change, looking for the leaders who will drive change and how they will succeed, posing questions to global leaders in the corridors of power and on the frontlines of climate change.

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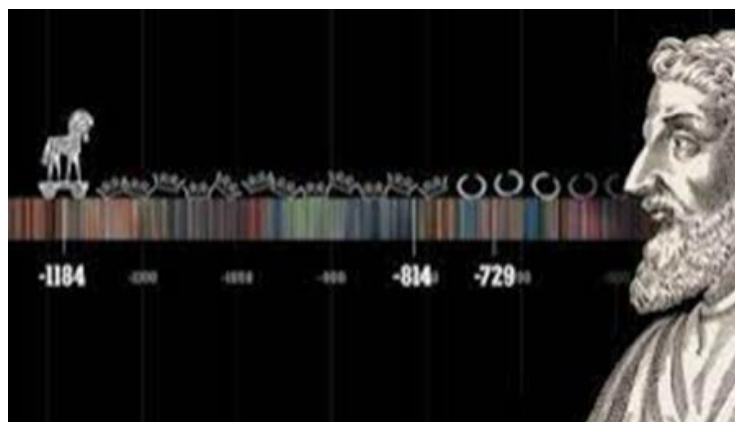
[The Line of Beauty](#)

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.

Communiteer

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.

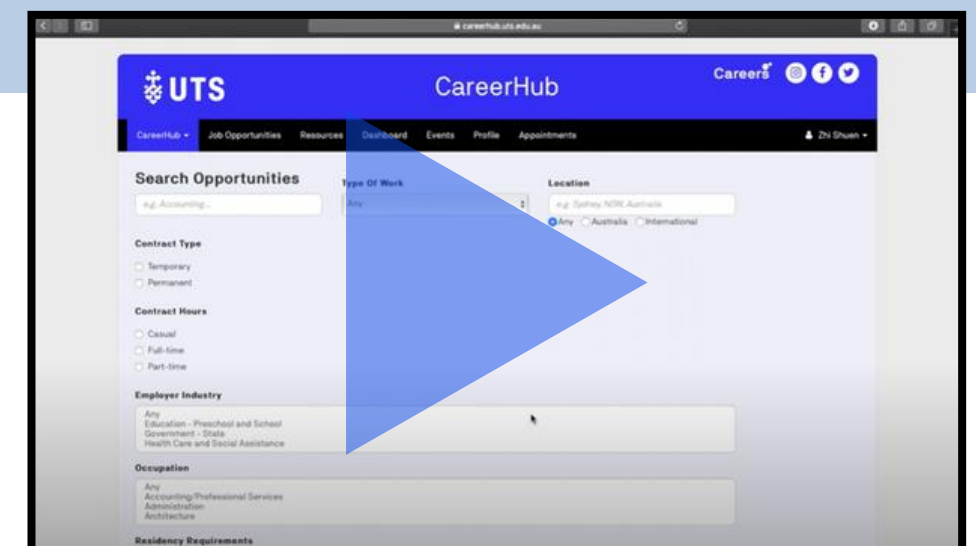
JewishCare NSW

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.

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.

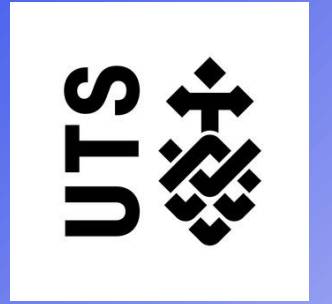


WHEN TO SUBMIT YOUR CLAIMS

To gain the summer circle bonus points for all your hard work, you must submit all claims by **Sunday 16 February 2025, 11:59PM**

Questions? Email: BrennanProgram@uts.edu.au

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ENJOY
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