



# FACULTY OF ARTS

Adelaide Summer Research Scholarship 2019-2020

## **Reconciliation Action Planning for Northern Councils, South Australia**

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This project seeks to develop a better understanding how to develop the Reconciliation Process in the government regions in northern South Australia (specifically Yorke Peninsula, Clare, and Flinders/Mid North regions).

The project draws on an identified need within these Councils to progress their reconciliation agendas, but they have indicated they need support and advice on how to do this.

The project would involve a student working with myself and my contacts in this region to (i) research and then describe the Indigenous peoples in the region and their history, and current contacts, (ii) develop a literature review about reconciliation, and (iii) explore what modes and types of Reconciliation Action planning has already occurred. Based on the findings of (i) – (iii) some recommendations would be made as to how local governments in the region may progress their Reconciliation Agendas

The project will build student skills in research and synthesis, respond to an actual identified research need and enable him/her to access and build professional networks

Outcomes of the project will include: (i) Report, (ii) literature review and (iii) co-authored paper for publication (led by Nursey-Bray and including student local government authors).

The results of this project will also form the basis of a possible exploration for ARC Linkage into the future.

The student will gain the following research skills and experience;

- Publication in a high quality journal
- Co-publication with Supervisor
- Collating background information for a competitive grant application
- Student developing high-level research skills, both discipline-specific and generic