

## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

**41.8% of undergraduates and 32.4% of postgraduates have an annual income of under \$10,000.** (AUSF)

**25% of full-time undergraduates regularly miss study commitments to attend paid work.** (AUSF)

**Almost 50% of postgraduate students live with a deficit budget.** (AUSF)

**Female and Indigenous students are most likely to be in financial stress.** (AUSF)

**Students are particularly vulnerable to unfair working conditions, as they have less bargaining power and are often working in casual positions. This has been exacerbated by the removal of Award conditions through the 2006 WorkChoices legislation.** (UCA)

**Student poverty is making effective study extremely difficult for large numbers of students.** (AUSF)

**25.4% of Indigenous students and 12.8% of non-Indigenous students regularly go without food and other basics because they can't afford them.** (AUSF)

**The maximum Youth Allowance available to an average under-25 student in a share house is 37.9% below the poverty line.** (AUSF)

**The amount of income students on Youth Allowance can earn before their benefits are cut has not been increased since 1993, despite a CPI increase of about 25%.** (AUSF)