



# Media Statement

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**Re** Fremantle partnership embraces TAFE to university pathways

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Challenger Institute of Technology graduates are set to benefit from a new education partnership that will open the door to university studies in Western Australia's City of Fremantle.

Challenger Institute and The University of Notre Dame Australia, both based in Fremantle, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that provides seamless pathways from vocational education and training into university.

Challenger Institute CEO Liz Harris said the two organisations were committed to supporting higher education options for both local and international students.

"This is a very exciting partnership with great educational benefits," Ms Harris said. "Together, Challenger Institute and Notre Dame University are working together to ensure the best learning opportunities for every student."

Ms Harris said the MOU strengthened Challenger Institute's existing articulation arrangements with the tertiary sector, which included pathways to study at Murdoch University and Curtin University.

She said the partnership with Notre Dame University would provide an opportunity for Challenger's higher qualification students to further their studies at a reputable university in the historic port city of Fremantle.

The agreement will enable graduates of Challenger's diplomas and advanced diplomas to apply for entry into a variety of Notre Dame bachelor degree-level courses, including arts, commerce, communications, education, nursing, management, sport and science. Challenger graduates may also receive credit of up to one year advanced standing in a three or four year degree at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame vice chancellor Professor Celia Hammond said the university looked forward to working with Challenger in promoting broader universal higher education options.

"Both Notre Dame and Challenger are committed to establishing seamless pathways between learning programs and qualifications across sectors to ensure our students can contribute meaningfully to society in their future careers," Professor Hammond said.

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