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Lowitja
INSTITUTE

Australia's National Institute
for Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Research

*Incorporating the Cooperative Research Centre
for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health*

Selection Criteria

The Lowitja Institute – Australia's National Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research is now calling for expressions of interest for the positions of independent Chairperson and Directors of our Board.

The newly formed Lowitja Institute, which hosts the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (CRCATSIH) is an innovative research body that brings together Aboriginal organisations, academic institutions and government agencies to facilitate collaborative, evidence-based research into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. In the Lowitja Institute, Australia has for the first time an organisation dedicated to producing the know-how to close the health gap.

The activities of the Lowitja Institute will be overseen by a Board that comprises an independent Chair and six directors, the majority of whom must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

The Institute, a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee and structured as a public benevolent institution, is in the process of appointing a permanent Board of Directors. Currently, the Institute's activities, including oversight of CRCATSIH, are being governed by an Interim Board.

The Interim Board members are: Ms Pat Anderson (Chair), Professor Ian Anderson, Ms Stephanie Bell, Professor Jonathan Carapetis and Professor Shane Houston. Under the Lowitja Institute constitution, the Interim Board has nominated a Board Selection Committee comprised of six eminent persons.

The selection criteria for the appointment of the Board of Directors as determined by our constitution are:

Independent Chairperson Position

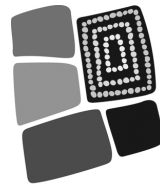
To be eligible for the position of Independent Chairperson the nominee must:

- i. have corporate governance experience
- ii. be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person

Director Positions

To be eligible for appointment to the position of Director the nominee must have skills in one or more of the following areas:

- i. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- ii. corporate governance
- iii. research and development/technology transfer
- iv. education/capacity development
- v. finance
- vi. business development/legal/marketing
- vii. public/private investment and sectoral experience



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General Condition

The majority of Directors must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and include at least one Aboriginal person and one Torres Strait Islander person.

We encourage people with expertise in corporate governance, health research, community development, education and technology, legal and finance, and/or business and marketing to apply. In accordance with the Lowitja Institute's policy, these are honorary positions.

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute your skills and passion to influence the research and policy landscape in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

Closing date

Expressions of Interest should be submitted no later than **5.00pm (EST), Tuesday 31 August 2010.**

For further information and assistance

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