

MEDIA RELEASE – 23 July 2020**Lowitja Institute announces Project Grants program for 2020-2023**

The Lowitja Institute Project Grants program is offering grants of up to \$200,000 to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities to support new research.

Lowitja Institute CEO Dr Janine Mohamed said this is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the legacy of work commissioned by the Lowitja Institute that has changed the narrative of how research in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is done in Australia.

“We are excited to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities about their research proposals that address our key criteria, to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and result in improvements in health and wellbeing outcomes within a generation,” Dr Mohamed said.

The Lowitja Institute will award grants to project ideas that align to our Research Agenda themes:

- Empowerment
- Sovereignty
- Connectedness, and
- Cultural safety and respectful systems in the health sector.

Two types of grants will be available:

- Discovery - projects that focus on investigating the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities and building the evidence-base around what we know works for our communities.
- Implementation - projects that focus on translating existing knowledge into practice to achieve positive outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

Project grants are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations as the main applicant and grant holder. Projects must also be led by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

“Organisations that don’t have existing relationships with researchers or internal research expertise are welcome to contact us if they are interested in discussing how we might assist in pairing them with a suitable researcher,” Dr Mohamed said.

The Lowitja Institute will host daily (Monday-Friday) online Q&A sessions from 28 July to 7 August 2020, to provide potential applicants with information about the project funding requirements. Due to limited places per session, bookings are essential.

Please note: applicants who have not received a 2020 Lowitja Institute Seeding Grant will be required to submit an Expression of Interest before they can continue to a full application.

Key dates:

- Lodgement of Expression of Interest: Monday 12 August 2020.
- Closing date for formal applications: Monday 12 October 2020.

For more information: <https://www.lowitja.org.au/page/research/lowitja-institute-project-grants-2020-to-2023>

For media queries and/or to arrange an interview with Dr Mohamed, please contact Marie McInerney on 0418 273 698.

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The Lowitja Institute is Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research, named in honour of its Patron, [Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG](#). It is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation working for the health and wellbeing of Australia's First Peoples through high impact quality research, knowledge exchange, and by supporting a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers.<http://www.lowitja.org.au>