



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

Research Ceremony

Privileging our voices, communities in control

29 – 30 April 2020

on the lands of the Yugambah People (Gold Coast Qld)

Expression of Interest to register

Information sheet

Expressions of interest are now open for the Lowitja Institute Research Ceremony.

The Ceremony is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander space. It aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to transform their ideas into aspirations that meets the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and improves health and wellbeing outcomes within a generation.

The Ceremony is the first step to express an interest in the Lowitja Institute Grant Funding Round in July 2020 (see also section below regarding funding round eligibility).

Participants will:

- gain an in-depth understanding of Lowitja Institute's Research Agenda and commissioning process
- co-develop a draft research proposal for the Lowitja Institute Research Grant Funding Round in July 2020, and
- connect and network with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.

All participants will be invited to a Welcoming Ceremony on the evening of **Tuesday 28 April 2020** and a dinner on the evening of **Wednesday 29 April 2020**.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Registration numbers for this event are limited. In the first instance we are seeking expressions of interest from representatives from:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled organisations, and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations such as Prescribed Body Corporate, Native Title holders, and Community Associations.

You can register your interest to participate in the Lowitja Institute website:
<https://www.lowitja.org.au/page/news-and-events/research-ceremony/research-ceremony-expression-of-interest-form>

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE RESEARCH GRANT FUNDING ROUND IN JULY 2020

Please note that, to be eligible for the Lowitja Institute Research Grant Funding Round in July 2020, the Lowitja Institute will need to verify that your organisation demonstrates the following criteria:

- registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006
- organisation that employs at least 5 people
- is able to provide its latest annual report as evidence of years in operation
- is a legal entity, able to enter into legally binding agreements
- maintains at all times Certificates of Currency for Public Liability insurance to a minimum \$10 million in respect of any claim or series of related claims, Professional Indemnity insurance to a minimum \$10 million in respect of any claim or series of related claims and Worker's Compensation insurance for all employees and sub-contractors involved in delivery of the services
- is not bankrupt or subject to insolvency proceedings and is financially solvent, and has systems in place that ensure that it will remain solvent
- has an ABN or ACN
- has an Australian bank account
- has sufficient and available resources for the administration and acquittal of funds in accordance with the Lowitja Institute funding agreement
- has the capacity to cover indirect costs of research
- complies with all relevant Commonwealth and State legislation.

Criteria for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Organisations (as per National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation constitution). The organisation is:

- an incorporated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation
- initiated by a local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community
- based in a local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community
- governed by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander body which is elected by the local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community
- delivers a holistic and culturally appropriate health service.

Criteria for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Organisations. The organisation:

- is a certified member of Supply Nation
- has a current, valid ABN
- is located in Australia.

Following the expression of interest, representatives from eligible organisations will be sent a registration offer and will need to complete the registration form and arrange payment.

COSTS

Registration: \$660 (GST incl.)

Accommodation and transport to the Sofitel Gold Coast Broadbeach will be your responsibility, though we will organise transport between the Sofitel and Dreamworld Corroboree for the Welcoming Ceremony on Tuesday, 28 April 2020.

KEY DATES

- Expression of Interest OPEN – Monday 2 March 2020
- Expression of Interest CLOSE – Friday 13 March 2020
- Notification offer to register – 18 March 2020
- Registrations close – Wednesday 8 April

POINT OF CONTACT

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