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About Lowitja Institute Awards

Lowitja Institute celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and excellence throughout our work. As Australia's national community controlled health and wellbeing research institute, the biennial conference awards recognise outstanding contributions to the field of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing research. These awards showcase research that is culturally, ethically, and intellectually rigorous and for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

About the Pat Anderson Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researcher Awards

This award is named after internationally respected health leader Pat Anderson AO, who was instrumental in the organisation's establishment and its development as Australia's renowned national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health research institute.

Dr Anderson AO, an Alyawarre woman and powerful advocate for the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and First Peoples globally, is Lowitja Institute's co-patron alongside the late Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG and former chairperson after nearly 20 years in the role. This award recognises emerging leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing research both inside and outside of the academy.

In 2023, the award was given to Mrs Betty Sagigi from Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service and Associate Professor Odette Pearson from the University of Adelaide.

The success awardee will receive:

- \$5,000 towards professional development
- one full registration to Lowitja Institute's 4th International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference 2025 (Kurna Country, Adelaide, 16-19 June 2025), including travel and accommodation.

Please note, applicants should be available to attend the Awards Ceremony at the conference Gala Dinner.

Eligibility criteria

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researcher with a minimum three years research experience.
- Has made significant contribution to support, influence and/or advise projects in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing, locally and nationally. This could include a researcher who works in:
 - project management, research support, governance, cultural mentoring and/or advising

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- basic science, medicine, epidemiology, public health, social health and/or community health.
- The primary focus of the research is for the benefit of the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities, in line with Lowitja Institute's research agenda themes.
- The researcher has demonstrated community involvement, leadership and capacity building through their research.

Submitting your application

- The application must be completed in full with all required supporting documentation collated and attached at submission.
- Applicants are to provide at least one letter of support, with the referee also including brief comments against the selection criteria.
- The referee must identify as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person or community member.
- Upload headshot of applicant, noting this is the image that will be used on promotional materials and at the award ceremony if selected.
- Applicant biography (approximately 200 words), noting this will be used on promotional materials and at the award ceremony if selected.
- Applications to be submitted:
 - via SmartyGrants
 - **before Friday 21 March 2025, 11:59pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)**
- It is the applicants responsibility to ensure their full application has been submitted correctly via SmartyGrants. You will receive notification of your submission from SmartyGrants acknowledging submission of your application.
- Lowitja Institute does not accept any liability if an application is not received (in full) by the due date.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Application form

* indicates a required field

Is this application a self-nomination? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Nomination by other person

Name of person completing this form *

Title	First Name	Last Name
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Position *

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Name of organisation *

Organisation Name

Relationship to nominee *

Nominee contact details

Which researcher award is this application in relation to? *

- ☐ Community researcher
☐ Institutional researcher (i.e. university)

Name *

Title First Name Last Name

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Address *

Address

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Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Organisation *

Organisation Name

Position ***Do you identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander? ***

- ☐ Aboriginal
☐ Torres Strait Islander
☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
☐ Neither

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

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Confirmation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status is required if your application is successful.

Letter of Support *

Attach a file:

Selection criteria

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Demonstrated excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing research - minimum three years' experience. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Demonstrated contribution to capacity building, community strengthening and engagement, including community leadership in the research process. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Demonstrated research benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities in line with one of Lowitja Institute's research agenda themes. *

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Must be no more than 200 words.

Image and biography

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If you are the successful awardee, a clear headshot and short biography is required for use on conference promotional materials and at the award ceremony.

Upload a clear, high resolution headshot. *

Attach a file:

Applicant biography *

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End of application

Thank you

Please ensure your application has been completed and submitted in full. Incomplete applications are unable to be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact the team via conference@lowitja.org.au