

Tarrn-doon-nonin Health Research Project Award

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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 Tarrn-doon-nonin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Project Award

Tarrn-doon-nonin is the Woiwurrung term for 'trust'.

The Tarrn-doon-nonin award recognises a research project in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing that was conducted to an exemplary standard, in line with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ethical principles and practices.

In 2025, the award was given to Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre.

The awardee will receive:

- \$10,000 project grant to be administered by Lowitja Institute. The grant is available for furthering successful project and research activities, such as knowledge translation, community capacity building, and resourcing further emerging research as a result of the project.
- Two full registrations to Lowitja Institute's 5th International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference from 8 - 10 June 2027 in Garramilla (Darwin), including travel and accommodation. Please note, applicants should be available to attend the Awards Ceremony at the Conference Gala Dinner.

Eligibility criteria

- The research project has been conducted by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled organisation or community group.
- The project's active research and finding phases are close to completion or were completed within the last two years.

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.

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- The referee must identify as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person or community member.
 - Applicants must upload a team photograph, noting this is the image that will be used on promotional materials and at the award ceremony if selected.
 - Organisation summary (approximately 200 words), noting this will be used on promotional materials and at the award ceremony if selected.
 - Applications are to be submitted via SmartyGrants **by Friday 16 October 2026, 11:59pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)**
- **Please note:**
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their full application has been submitted correctly via SmartyGrants. You will receive notification 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

Position *

Name of organisation *

Organisation Name

Relationship to nominee *

Nominee details

Research project title *

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Research project lead name *

Title First Name Last Name

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Project overview *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Organisation name *

Organisation Name

Organisation address *

Address

Remoteness classification

Organisation postal address *

Address

Is this organisation an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled organisation? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Is the organisation a Lowtija Institute member? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

Project contact person *

Title First Name Last Name

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Project person phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

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Project person email address *

Must be an email address.

Selection criteria

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Describe the extent to which the research project was Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-initiated and community-led. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe the extent to which the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community were engaged with the research project from commencement to completion of the work. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe the extent to which project stakeholders have worked in partnership and maintained relationships with the community. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe what capacity building and community strengthening was built into the project that built on existing skills and abilities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe what capacity building and community strengthening was built into the project that offered opportunities for scholarships, traineeships and other professional development initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. *

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Describe the extent to which information about knowledge translation for the project has been applied and how project findings have been communicated back to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Letter of Support *

Attach a file:

Letter of support should address the selection criteria

Image and organisation summary

* indicates a required field

If you are the successful awardee, a clear team photograph and short organisation summary is required for use on conference promotional materials and at the award ceremony.

Upload a clear, high resolution team photograph. *

Attach a file:

Organisation summary. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

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