



Chief Executive Officer



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation has been created to support and encourage healing initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have suffered directly or indirectly from the impact of colonisation, forced removals and other past government policies. The Foundation was established in late 2009, following the commitment by the Australian Government to provide a national, coordinated and long term sustainable approach to healing. The Foundation will fund and support healing initiatives and capacity building projects; facilitate health promotion and public education in relation to healing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities; and contribute to an evidence base for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing through community-driven and culturally-appropriate research and evaluation.

Reporting to the Board, the Chief Executive will oversee the Foundation's programs, reporting requirements, budgeting and financial management; drive strategic planning; provide support to the Board; and undertake public representation including in public forums and the media. The Chief Executive will be responsible for building effective relationships, partnerships and strategic alliances with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities, philanthropic and corporate organisations, Government, the

welfare sector, and the wider Australian community, and will need to ensure a sustainable funding platform into the future.

We are seeking applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with proven general management experience combined with Board and financial governance capability, and supported by outstanding leadership, organisational and team building skills. Candidates will need to have a passion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing and wellbeing, with experience ideally gained within the areas of Indigenous health, education, research or program evaluation, or other related areas. A demonstrated capacity for strategic decision-making and a sound understanding of the government, non-government and philanthropic sectors are also required.

Candidates will need to possess strong stakeholder engagement skills, and the capacity to be successful within complex cultural and political contexts. The ability to relate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting members of the Stolen Generations will be essential, supported by outstanding written and oral communication skills, including media and representation skills.

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