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*Over its 50-year history, AIATSIS has evolved into a national authority on Indigenous studies. It is a hub for collaborative, ethical collecting and research and develops Indigenous staff and researchers. AIATSIS Collections are one of the world's leading collections of printed, audio and visual materials on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and societies.*

## Senior Researcher – Return of Cultural Heritage (Affirmative Measures)

**APS Level 6**

**Ongoing, full time**

**\$75,702 - \$86,107**

AIATSIS is leading a program to secure the return of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' cultural heritage held overseas to its original custodians and owners or appropriate cultural institutions.

Returning material to country for purposes of cultural revitalisation is a key aspiration of Indigenous communities. The Return of Cultural Heritage (RoCH) program supports the cultural resurgence of Australia's First Nations peoples. This initiative will strengthen the signal both to the nation and globally that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is respected, celebrated and valued.

The program will rely on expert knowledge as well as strong community engagement and partnerships, and a network of engaged individuals and organisations to achieve its goals.

The Senior Researcher is responsible for the preparation and production of high-quality research, developing reports and other correspondence, assisting with the preparation of official return requests, policy papers and other outputs.

The position supports the Assistant Director and Director to ensure the successful facilitation and negotiation of return requests.

This officer will work in partnership with peak representative bodies and identified communities to understand their requirements in relation to their cultural heritage held overseas, and to build ongoing relationships.

The Senior Researcher supports the Assistant Director and Director to engage with communities to identify relevant material for return, organise return logistics and assist with the organisation of any events or ceremonies to welcome and celebrate returned material.

This role will assist in the development of productive and mutually respectful relationships with international collecting institutions, governments and private collectors.

This position reports to the Assistant Director, Return of Cultural Heritage.

### *Affirmative Measures*

*This will be filled using the Affirmative Measures provision, which allows for the targeted recruitment of Indigenous Australians into the Australian Public Service. The vacancy is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute an affirmative measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.*

**Closing Date: 11.59pm Tuesday 3 February 2021**

### **How to apply:**

Please consult the AIATSIS website [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au) for more information and download the Application Pack. Follow the instructions on the Application Pack and submit your application to [recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au) by the closing date.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate a high level of cultural proficiency in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the capacity to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as stakeholders, colleagues and peers.

### **This is an identified position**

*The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

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