

Expressions of Interest (Eoi) Appointment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health expert/s to Healthway's Health Promotion Research Assessment Committee

About the request

Healthway is seeking to appoint an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander health researcher/s to its Research Assessment Committee (the Committee). Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and have experience and knowledge of culturally appropriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing research methodologies. The purpose of the position is to assess Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health promotion research applications and ensure the research is conducted in line with ethical research standards.

About Healthway

Healthway was established in 1991 as an independent, statutory body and operates under the *Western Australian Health Promotion Foundation Act 2016*. The Act promotes and facilitates in Western Australia (WA) good health and activities which encourage healthy lifestyles.

Healthway's [Strategic Plan: Active Healthy People 2018-2023](#) outlines five priority areas. The strategic plan is evidence-based and complements other key policies and strategies in WA.

Healthway's Health Promotion Research Program and Role of the Committee

Healthway's Health Promotion Research Program offers the following:

- Two funding rounds per year for Exploratory and Intervention Research Grants (one open round and one targeted round).
- One funding round per year for Health Promotion Research Fellowships.
- Applications for Research Training Scholarships, Aboriginal Research Training Scholarships and Visiting Fellowships may be submitted any time.

The Committee ensures that all projects funded through the research program are scientifically and methodologically sound and aligned to Healthway's priority areas. The Committee provides advice to Healthway on funding suitability and may be asked to provide advice to Healthway staff, the Health Promotion Advisory Panel and/or Healthway Board (Board) on the overall direction of the research program.

The Committee assesses Exploratory and Intervention Research Grant applications and considers all applications at two (2) face-to-face meetings per year. This process ensures that these applications are assessed for their scientific rigour and ability to contribute new evidence to health promotion policy and practice in WA, as it relates to Healthway's priority areas. Additional assessments may be requested on an ad hoc basis for Research Scholarship, Fellowship and Visiting Fellowship applications.

The role of the Committee is to advise on the suitability of applications for funding only. The Board has the decision-making authority regarding all funding decisions on behalf of the Minister for Health.

Appointment Term

Appointment to the Committee will be for a period of two (2) years, with possibility of extension, unless a member resigns, the appointment is terminated or the Board decides to review the Committee structure which may impact on the terms of appointment.

Remuneration

The Committee is constituted in an advisory capacity only and is not remunerated. Committee members may choose to publicly acknowledge their relationship with Healthway.

Eligibility Criteria

Eols are sought from suitably qualified people who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and have a Doctor of Philosophy, or significant experience in Aboriginal health research and practice in WA.

Interested applicants should consider whether their employment arrangements and associations may create any potential ongoing or frequent conflicts of interest as a member of the Committee.

For further details please contact Healthway's Manager Policy and Research, Joanne Graham-Smith on 9488 6703.

Applicants are required to submit in writing:

1. Completed EOI form.
2. Current Curriculum Vitae.

Submit your application by email to: recruitment@healthway.wa.gov.au by
Friday 25 June 2021