**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
FIRST NATIONS ARTS AND CULTURES PANEL**

Arts Queensland seeks Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals living in all parts of Queensland, who have connection to and knowledge of First Nations arts and cultures, and creative industries to form a First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel.

Arts Queensland recognises the importance and challenges of meaningful representation and engagement with government. Through this EOI process, the Queensland Government is reaching out to communities, with the intent to form a Panel that will inform and shape the role arts, culture and creativity plays in Queensland’s future.

The First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel will provide:

* expert advice to support development of programs and strategies and identification of opportunities that contribute to building sustainable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts industries
* guidance on seeking appropriate cultural advice as it applies to recommendations for Arts Queensland initiatives
* expert observations or feedback in relation to existing AQ arts and cultural strategies and programs which seek to support First Nations activities
* assessment of eligible grant applications for First Nations initiatives within designated timeframes.

The Panel, of up to 10 members, will strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices to government, reflecting the principles of self-determination and respect for Indigenous cultures. These principles are embedded in the Queensland Government’s Tracks to Treaty commitment.

Candidates must be Australian First Nations individuals with:

* recent experience in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander arts and cultures, creative business, tourism, education and/or heritage
* trusted networks, which can be drawn on to provide advice on cultural protocols, cultural governance and cultural business, as appropriate
* the authority to provide advice, input and feedback on the needs, issues and interests of the First Nations arts and cultural sector
* a commitment to informing strategies and funding programs to sustain and grow the First Nations creative sectors in Queensland.

To be eligible you must:

* be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
* be based in Queensland
* have capacity to commit to an initial 12-month agreement with Arts Queensland for 4-6 meetings and ad-hoc peer assessment panels across the period
* have satisfied the reporting requirements of any Arts Queensland funding
* not be a current or former Arts Queensland employee who ceased employment less than six months before applying.

**DUE DATE FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Submissions should include;

* a statement about your relevant experience in relation to the information provided above
* any applicable attachments that show your experience (resume, links to bio, video).

Expressions of Interest (written, video or audio) are to be submitted via email at [FNACPanelEOI@arts.qld.gov.au](mailto:FNACPanelEOI@arts.qld.gov.au) by 4pm on **12 November 2020**.

Applications are not able to be accepted outside of this time.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Applicants are advised to review the following information before submitting an Expression of Interest;

# Sole Discretion

Arts Queensland may in its sole and absolute discretion:

1. Negotiate with any interested party on any of the terms in which case:
   1. Arts Queensland need not inform any other interested parties of those negotiations or any changes to terms; and
   2. Those negotiations do not constitute a counter offer and an EOI remains valid and can be accepted by Arts Queensland despite those negotiations.
2. Accept any EOI.
3. Make enquiries in relation to any Interested Party.
4. Withdraw the offer at any time.
5. Extend the closing date for acceptance of EOI’s.

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# Confidentiality

# An interested party must not disclose or permit to be disclosed any information provided or obtained by the interested party in relation to the EOI that is not generally available or is not required to be disclosed by law.

# Terms of Funding

# Arts Queensland’s Terms of Funding can be viewed at <https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/info-arts-funding-applicants/resource/ee0fd828-2464-4209-bc19-113dbd7474e5>

**SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS**

Successful applicants will be advised by phone and in writing after **10 December 2020**.

Arts Queensland will notify unsuccessful EOI’s in writing within 60 days of the EOI closing date.

**REMUNERATION**

Panel members will be remunerated according to the schedule of fees as outlined in Section 9 of the Arts Queensland Peer Assessors Handbook, which can be viewed at <https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/images/documents/Peer-Assessor-Handbook---8-Oct-2020-update.pdf>

**GENERAL ENQUIRIES**Enquiries related to the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel EOI process should be directed to: Susan Richer, Director Development, 07 3034 4076 or susan.richer@arts.qld.gov.au