



APO NT Senior Project Officer (Education)

Position Title	APO NT Senior Project Officer (Education)
Salary	\$105,554 - \$115,226
FTE	Full time 37.5 hours per week
Location	Darwin or Alice Springs
Commencement	ASAP
Completion	31 December 2025
Reports to	NAAJA and the APO NT Secretariat

About APO NT

Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the Northern Territory (APO NT) is an alliance comprising the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT), North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA), Aboriginal Housing NT (AHNT), NT Indigenous Business Network (NTIBN), Central Land Council (CLC), Northern Land Council (NLC), Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) and Tiwi Land Council (TLC). The alliance was created to provide a more effective response to key issues of joint interest and concern affecting Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory, including through advocating practical policy solutions to government.

APO NT is committed to increasing Aboriginal involvement in policy development and implementation, and to expanding opportunities for Aboriginal community control. APO NT also seeks to strengthen networks between peak Aboriginal organisations and smaller regional Aboriginal organisations in the NT.

The Opportunity

APO NT have been working towards the establishment of an NT Independent Aboriginal Education Peak Body, supported through a funding commitment from the Department of Education to continue this work as part of their responsibilities under the NT Closing the Gap Implementation Plan. The funding term is May 2023 - December 2025.

A Senior Project Officer position has been created to provide support to:

- establish an interim steering committee made up of Aboriginal Education experts;
- coordinate regional forums across the NT; and
- undertake engagement with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, communities, families, children, and young people on urban, rural, remote and homelands.

This will lead to the establishment of an independent, incorporated Aboriginal peak organisation, that will support systems change, bettering educational outcomes for all children and young people throughout the territory.

This is an identified position for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.



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Responsibilities

1. Support to coordinate the interim steering committee and eventually, the peak body.
2. Provide logistical and secretariat support for events, regional forums, meetings, and travel associated with the above activities.
3. Engage with Aboriginal children, youth, groups, and communities about the Aboriginal Education Peak Body project.
4. Develop and maintain strong working relationships, collaborative partnerships with internal and external stakeholders to maximise project and team outcomes.
5. Contribute to research and the preparation of reports, project plans, briefings, and correspondence for different audiences, including culturally appropriate presentations and materials for the diverse range of Aboriginal people and communities across the NT.
6. Ensure appropriate cultural protocols for working with Aboriginal people and communities are respected throughout the project, including ongoing support and guidance relating to Aboriginal engagement with APO NT members, community leaders, Aboriginal organisations, and community members.
7. Represent APO NT at meetings, forums and other events as required.
8. At times, you will be required to accompany APO NT staff to remote communities, or urban / regional settings to support the project outcomes.
9. Other duties as directed.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential:

1. A sound knowledge and understanding of working with Aboriginal peoples and cultures, including the opportunities and challenges specific to those living in the NT.
2. Demonstrated understanding of barriers and solutions to accessing quality education for Aboriginal children, young people, and their families in the NT.
3. Good organisational and administrative skills.
4. Effective communication skills across diverse groups of people.
5. Previous experience preparing reports and correspondence.
6. Willingness to learn and take on new challenges.
7. Current Driver's licence, Satisfactory Criminal History Check and a current Ochre Card or the ability to gain.

Desirable:

1. Previous work experience with Aboriginal organisations and/or education institutions and programs.
2. Experience facilitating groups and workshops.
3. Knowledge or experience of governance and strategic projects.

For enquiries, please contact APO NT CEO Nicole.Hucks@apont.org.au

How to Apply: Applicants for this position must address the selection criteria in their written application, which should be sent to Recruitment@naaja.org.au Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications must be submitted by Wednesday 24 July 2024