

Criteria for NIRAKN International Conference Bursaries

Applications for funding to support attendance at International Conferences will be presented to NIRAKN Management Committee for decision, and funding will be allocated according to this criteria. The maximum amount of financial support provided to an individual will be \$5000 in a calendar year.

All spending must comply with the Funding Rules issued by the ARC that govern network activities (available from http://www.arc.gov.au/pdf/ATSIRN_Funding_Rules_revised_20April2012.pdf) as well as the requirements of QUT as the Administering organisation.

Applicants must explain how supporting their attendance at the international conference or research activity is consistent with NIRAKN's research agenda as outlined in the Research Policy Framework, and will further NIRAKN's aims which are to:

1. Establish a coterie of skilled, qualified Indigenous researchers, creating pathways from undergraduate to postgraduate studies to establish a regenerative pipeline of new researchers, across institutions, the nation and fields of critical research importance;
2. Develop a critical mass of multi-disciplinary, qualified Indigenous researchers to meet the compelling research needs of our communities.
3. Connect Indigenous researchers nationally and internationally to develop culturally supportive inclusive research environments, which enable the cross fertilization of ideas and provide platforms for new Indigenous multi-disciplinary research.
4. Begin setting the Indigenous research agenda by applying Indigenous knowledges and expertise to multi-disciplinary collaborative projects directed at compelling research needed to inform community and government policy and program delivery
5. Develop an on-going integrated research program of collaborations with partner organisations through ARC NHMRC, government, industry, community and philanthropic grant funding.
6. Achieve national and international recognition as the centre of Australian Indigenous research expertise, knowledge and innovation.

All conference attendance should have a specific capacity building function. Applicants should also outline how the benefits of this capacity building will be shared with other NIRAKN members and/or Indigenous postgraduates.

Attendance at a conference alone will not generally be considered to be sufficiently capacity building, unless the applicant will participate in research activity (such as presenting a paper, submitting a publication, attending a meeting, or undertaking other research relevant activities). In line with the requirements of the administering organisation, an abstract must be accepted by conference organisers before attendance will be funded.

Applicants should seek funding from their own institutions and other sources where possible, and indicate funding from other sources in their application. While securing matching funding is not a requirement, Management Committee may consider an applicant's attempts to secure funding from multiple sources to be an indication of their commitment to the research travel. Management Committee seeks to allocate limited NIRAKN funding equitably to applicants on the basis of their need as well as the strength of their application and may consider alternative funding opportunities available to applicants in allocating funding.

Successful applicants agree to acknowledge the support of NIRAKN and their membership of the network

- in the biography they provide for the conference
- in their presentation,
- in any materials presented, displayed or distributed at the conference
- and in any publications arising from the conference.

Management Committee has discretion to allocate funds to support a wide range of research activities in addition to conference attendance, including bringing international guests to Australia, provided the benefits of this funding to the network as a whole are established.