

**Paid Opportunity**

# Join the Expert Reference Group for AERO

Enhancing First Nations research through specialised expertise and collaboration



**Are you committed to advancing equitable education for First Nations students in Australia? The Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO), funded by the Federal Government and states and territories, invites you to be a part of a transformative initiative that could change the future of education in Australia. AERO is seeking over 250 people from urban, regional, remote and very remote communities who are passionate about advocating for equitable education for First Nations students in Australia.**

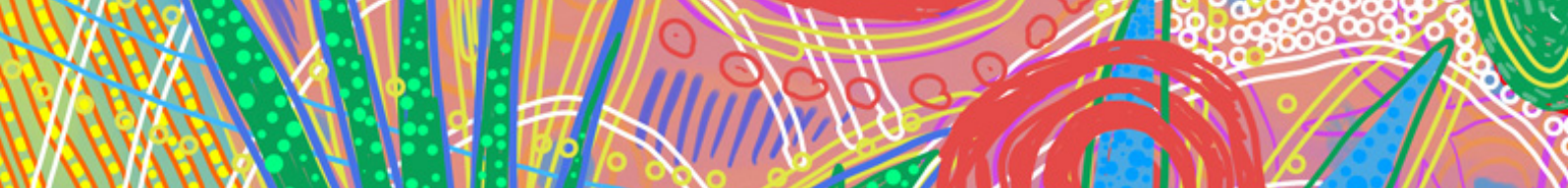
## About AERO

AERO is Australia's independent education evidence body, backed by funding from the Federal Government and states and territories. Our vision is to achieve excellence and equity in educational outcomes for all children and young people. Committed to the success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, AERO is determined to improve the evidence available for education practitioners and policymakers to reflect the aspirations of First Nations Peoples.

## About AERO's ERG

AERO's Expert Reference Group is a select team of specialists committed to advancing First Nations education through their extensive experience and expertise. In our commitment to achieving real change in First Nations education, we recognise the need to break down silos and work collaboratively across all interconnected domains, including curriculum implementation, community engagement, policy implementation, and beyond. By fostering seamless collaboration and holistic efforts, we can address the multifaceted challenges and aspirations of First Nations education comprehensively.

As a member, you'll collaborate with AERO and project teams to guide research, shape policy, and promote effective educational practices tailored to the needs of First Nations communities. Areas of focus include Early Childhood Education, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Community Engagement, Indigenous Language Revitalisation, and more.



## Why join the ERG

- **Impactful collaboration:** Drive meaningful change in First Nations education, working alongside like-minded people.
- **Contribute to policy and practice:** Share your knowledge to shape policy decisions, research initiatives and effective teaching practices.
- **Networking opportunities:** Connect with fellow specialists, practitioners and influencers in the field of First Nations education.
- **Recognition:** Gain visibility as a thought leader, contributing to your professional profile and reputation.
- **Remunerated position:** Your expertise is valuable. ERG members are paid for their expertise and contributions.

## Position details

- **Meeting frequency:** Quarterly meetings will be held to discuss initiatives, strategies and progress in First Nations education.
- **Remuneration:** This is a paid position, recognising your dedication.

## Who we're looking for

We're seeking people with a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences in First Nations education. Whether you're involved in Early Childhood Education, Higher Education, Community Engagement, or any other key areas, your insights are invaluable to us.

## How to apply

Submit your Expression of Interest (EOI) by **COB Monday 20 November 2023** to be considered for the ERG. Provide information about your expertise, qualifications, experience and your commitment to advancing First Nations education.

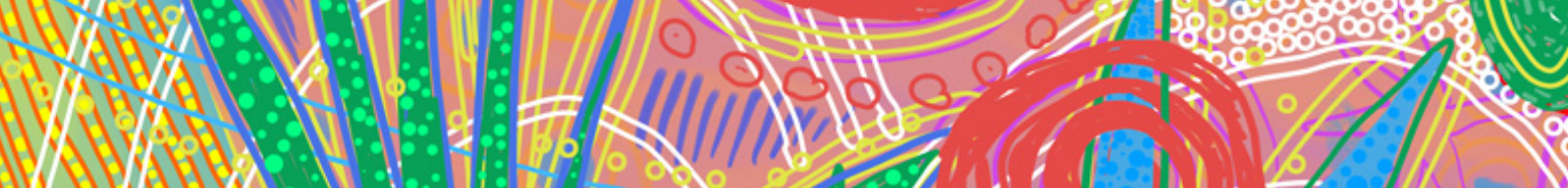
## Selection process

- EOIs will be reviewed to assess qualifications, expertise and commitment.
- Shortlisted candidates will undergo due diligence to verify qualifications and confirm availability.
- Final ERG members will be selected based on how their qualifications, expertise and experience contribute to a diverse and impactful group.

## Make a difference

Joining the ERG presents an opportunity to shape the future of First Nations education in Australia. Your expertise can create lasting impact, fostering positive change for generations to come.

For more information or to submit your EOI, contact Sally Cooper or Kathryn Martin-Anderson at [erg@edresearch.edu.au](mailto:erg@edresearch.edu.au). Be a part of the movement to enhance First Nations research and education through specialised expertise and collaboration. Join the ERG today!



## Expert Reference Group (ERG) nomination form

### Personal information

**Full name:**

**Email address:**

**Contact number:**

**What First Nations Country/ies do you live and work on?**

**Current affiliation (if applicable):**

**Preferred pronouns:**

**Do you identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?**

Aboriginal

Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Torres Strait Islander

Neither

**Expertise area (Please tick all that apply):**

Early Childhood Education

First Nations Languages and Dialects

Practitioners F–Y6

Government Policy and Policy Advocacy

Practitioners Y7–Y12

Peak and Representative Organisations

Universities and Higher Education

Not-for-profit Sector

First Nations Education Research

Community Engagement

Curriculum Development

First Nations Young People



## **Qualifications and Expertise**

**Briefly describe your background, qualifications and expertise in the selected area.**

## **Knowledge and Experience**

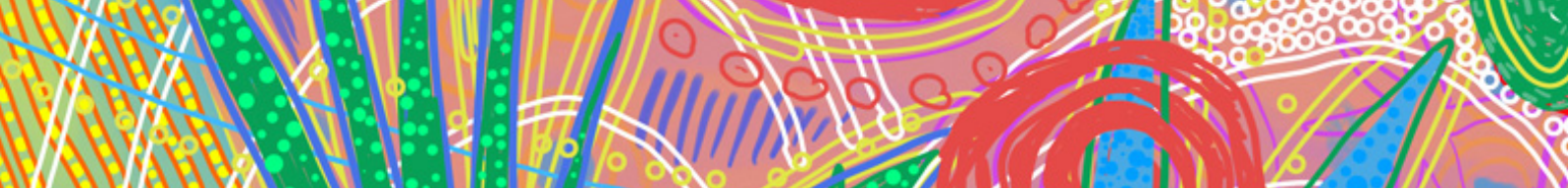
**Please outline your knowledge and experience relevant to the chosen expertise area.**

## **Commitment to First Nations education**

**Briefly explain your commitment to advancing equitable education for First Nations students.**

## **Diversity and inclusion**

**How do you believe your perspective and background can contribute to a diverse and inclusive ERG?**



## Additional Information

Please provide any additional information or comments you believe are relevant to your application.

### Where did you hear about this opportunity?

Social media

Word of mouth

Professional networks

Other (please specify):

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## Declaration

I understand that if selected, I will need to participate in quarterly ERG meetings, and commit the necessary time and effort to contribute effectively to the ERG's objectives.

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my application will be reviewed by AERO, and I may be contacted for further verification if needed.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

Please submit this completed form to [erg@edresearch.edu.au](mailto:erg@edresearch.edu.au) by COB Monday 20 November 2023. Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of AERO's ERG. Your expertise and commitment are highly valued.