



# Expression of Interest for CDU-HREC Volunteer Position: First Nations Member First Nations HREC sub-committee

Research is major strength of Charles Darwin University, and the University prides itself on research carried out that benefits the Northern Territory's people, animals, and country.

The Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of the Charles Darwin University reviews projects and other activities undertaken at the University which involve research conducted with or about people. The committee consists of a mixture of University staff and community members covering various areas of expertise and membership categories. This provides members with a chance to review and understand the range of research at CDU as determined by the [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research](#).

The CDU-HREC defines First Nations research as any research that relates to, or may have the potential to impact, the collective rights and interests of First Nations peoples' lands, waters, cultures and histories.

The University invites you to join the First Nations subcommittee to:

- consider the ethical aspects and implications of proposals to conduct research involving First Nations participants, data or knowledge.
- ensure that researchers are appropriately qualified in planning, conducting and reporting research that is relevant to the proposal, and students are appropriately supervised to conduct research.
- certify that research protocols satisfy the ethical standards and codes presented in the Statement, the Code and additional ethical principles for First Nations research as described in the AIATSIS Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research (2020) (AIATSIS Code).
- consider acceptability of the proposed research with the CDU-HREC guidelines for reviewing and supporting First Nations Research; and report the outcomes of all proposal considerations to the HREC.

The University is currently seeking applications from First Nations Peoples as members of this sub-committee.

#### Essential criteria:

- Prepared to express their views.
- Ability to guide and advise on the ethical review of research relating to Australian First Nations Peoples.
- Availability to attend flexibly scheduled CDU-HREC Sub-Committee Meetings.
- Availability to undertake up to six hours reading preparation per meeting.



The First Nations subcommittee will meet seven times each year (approximately every six weeks). The day and time of these meeting can be flexible and will occur 7 to 10 days prior to the scheduled HREC meeting. The length of the meetings will depend on the number and quality of projects of First Nations research proposals.

Whilst members currently receive no remuneration, the responsibilities are not onerous, and the experience can be extremely rewarding. The meetings are held at CDU Casuarina Campus: however, they can also be attended via Zoom.

For more information, visit [Human research ethics | Charles Darwin University \(cdu.edu.au\)](https://www.cdu.edu.au/human-research-ethics)

Please send your Expression of Interest to [ethics@cdu.edu.au](mailto:ethics@cdu.edu.au) with a brief explanation of why you are interested in joining the Committee and what you believe you can contribute.

Alternatively, please complete the Expression of Interest [form](#):



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