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Excellence in Cultural Revitalisation, Preservation and Resurgence

This award recognises projects, programs and/or initiatives that excel in supporting cultural revitalisation, preservation and/or resurgence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, knowledges and heritage.

Example projects could include:

Repatriation and/or return of cultural heritage materials or ancestors, language preservation and/or resurgences projects, dictionaries, wordlists etc.

Entry name

Please note

All correspondence regarding the awards will be sent to the Account Holder.

The Account Holder will be sent all updates regarding the awards and it is imperative that all correspondence is forwarded to the appropriate people.

If the Account Holder is unable to monitor their inbox throughout the awards period or is no longer looking after the account, please ensure you contact summit@aiatsis.gov.au.

Contact name

Organisation name

NOTE: The company name entered here will appear exactly as written in all publicity materials and on award plaques. Please double-check for accuracy.

Contact email address

Contact phone number

ELIGIBILITY

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) welcomes entries from across Australia for the 2026 AIATSIS Summit Awards.

The AIATSIS Summit Awards celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence in cultural revitalisation, resurgence and preservation; sustainability; collection care and management; contemporary innovation as well as youth and emerging leadership.

Entries must be submitted by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation, association, non-for-profit organisation, body corporate, researcher and/or individuals.

Entries submitted under the name of an organisation, association, non-for-profit organisation or body corporate must have their written permission from the Chairperson and/or Chief Executive (or equivalent delegate) and must provide and upload a copy as part of the nomination process. This will ensure AIATSIS accurately recognises and honours the achievements and contributions of all involved in the project.

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

Projects nominated for the 2026 AIATSIS Summit Awards must have been produced between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA & EXCLUSIONS

Individuals nominating for the Excellence in Youth and Emerging Leader Award need to be between the ages of 18 and 30, with photographic evidence provided.

Applications from the following entities will not be considered:

- State and Commonwealth Government departments
- Commonwealth non-Corporate Entities
- Commonwealth Corporate Entities and Companies

I meet all eligibility requirements

Assessment criteria

**A maximum of 500 words is allowed for each criterion, and all criteria are weighted equally.

For the following questions, provide detailed explanations of how your project aligns with each of the assessment criteria listed below.**

1. Cultural authenticity and respect

500 words

Consider how your project and/or initiative demonstrated culturally respectful and meaningful engagement.

1. Knowledge

500 words

Consider the methods used to document and preserve cultural knowledge, including oral histories, traditional practices, and language and how cultural knowledge was shared within and beyond the community.

1. Impact on cultural revitalisation

500 words

Consider how the project and/or initiative contributed to the revitalisation or resurgence of cultural practices, languages, or traditions.

1. Documentation and knowledge sharing

500 words

Consider providing how knowledge, stories, and practices were documented and shared within the community and beyond.

1. Collaboration and partnerships

500 words

Consider how your project and/or initiative demonstrated collaboration with other organisations, stakeholders, and sectors that enhance the project's reach and impact.

1. Adaptability and resilience

500 words

Consider the innovation's ability to adapt to evolving circumstances, including market changes, user needs or technological advancements.

I confirm that this entry meets minimum requirements and am eligible to enter Excellence in Cultural Revitalisation, Preservation and Resurgence Award Category.

- For all organisation, association, not-for-profit or body corporate nominations, upload a 300 dpi colour version of your logo (both EPS and JPEG formats are required).
- For individual nominations, upload a 300 dpi colour version of your personal image.
- For all nominations, upload 300 dpi colour versions of project images.
- You can also attach any supporting material such as a video (maximum of 1-2 minutes), references, academic transcript, resumes and newspaper articles.

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Type of attachment

High res colour logo

High res personal image

Project Photos

