



AIATSIS

Australian Institute of Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Studies

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act 1989 (Part 3) lists the functions of the Institute as follows:

- (a) to undertake and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies;
- (b) to publish the results of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies and to assist in the publication of the results of such studies;
- (c) to conduct research in fields relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies and to encourage other persons or bodies to conduct such research;
- (d) to assist in training persons, particularly Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islanders, as research workers in fields relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies;
- (e) to establish and maintain a cultural resource collection consisting of materials relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies;
- (f) to encourage understanding, in the general community, of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies;
- (g) such other functions as are conferred on the Institute by this Act;
- (h) to do anything else that is incidental or conducive to the performance of any of the preceding functions.

The AIATSIS Act (7(2)(b)) requires Members to have a demonstrated interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. AIATSIS Rule 1(a) states that applicants for membership must be able to meet one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) evidence of sound research in an area of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander studies;
- (b) achievements (including knowledge and qualifications) in an area of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander studies;
- (c) substantial and/or long-term involvement with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation which concerns itself with issues relating to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultures;
- (d) evidence of substantial involvement in the teaching of an area of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander studies;
- (e) meritorious service and commitment to furthering Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander studies.

Closing dates for receipt of applications, which are considered by the Research Advisory Committee for recommendation to Council, are 1 March and 1 August.

Application form may either be submitted via E-mail or printed and sent to:
The Principal, AIATSIS, GPO Box 553, Canberra, ACT 2601

INFORMATION

1. Membership is awarded for a period of five years. At the end of that time Members will be asked whether they wish to be considered for re-appointment for a period of a further five years and, if so, to supply an account of their activities over the previous five years as they relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies.
2. There is no fee for membership.
3. Members may stand for, propose and second other Members for election to the AIATSIS Council and the Research Advisory Committee.
4. Members are entitled to a discount on most Institute publications, including the AIATSIS journal, *Australian Aboriginal Studies*.
5. Members may borrow most books overnight from the AIATSIS Library whilst they are in Canberra.
6. Members are sent a copy of *Institute News* and other information from time to time as appropriate. Members are also invited to book launches and other Institute events.
7. Information about Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander identity is for AIATSIS purposes only. Appointment to membership does not imply acceptance or otherwise by AIATSIS of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity and it cannot be used as proof of identity for purposes external to AIATSIS.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER

1. Name: Dr Prof Mr Ms Mrs Miss Other (Please specify)

Last Name: _____

First or Given Name/s: _____

If you have an Indigenous or other name by which you prefer to be known, please specify:

2. Contact Details: *(please indicate with an asterisk your preferred mailing address)*

Home: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Work: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

3. Present position: _____

4. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity: (See item 7 in the attached Information paper)

Are you Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (Please check the boxes below as appropriate)

Yes No

Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander

6. Referee:

A referee report is not required. However, if you wish, you may attach a referee report to your application (maximum one page). Your referee should be able to attest to your ability to meet the membership criterion/criteria under which you have applied for membership:

Name of Referee: _____

How long has the applicant been known to the referee? _____

Position held: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

7. Biographical Information: Please include basic biographical details and any other information that you think will assist in the consideration of your application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**If you need further information please contact the Executive Officer:
members@aiatsis.gov.au; phone 02 6246 1123**