

## Expressions of Interest

### The Aspiration Initiative (TAI) - Mentor

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- **Are you a believer in the power of education to change lives?**
- **Are you passionate about maximizing educational outcomes for, and realizing the potential of, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students?**

The Aurora Education Foundation (Aurora) is changing the conversation about what is possible academically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students – our focus is on high expectations and a world of possibilities. We deliver an innovative and unique high school program, The Aspiration Initiative (TAI), that is centered in community and culture to support and enrich student learning. We do this via a proven methodology that includes residential school holiday camps, academic enrichment activities to build skills and resilience and by providing individualized strategies and wrap around support.

Expressions of interest are invited from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander University students or suitably qualified persons interested in an opportunity to mentor Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander year 8 and year 9 students during overnight camps at various locations in and around Perth, WA. Camps are held during the school holiday periods; with dates and venues still to be finalised. School holiday periods are outlined below;

- 13<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April (not during Easter period)
- 6<sup>th</sup> to 21st July
- 28<sup>th</sup> September to 13<sup>th</sup> October

### About The Aspiration Initiative

The Aspiration Initiative is a program of the Aurora Education Foundation that specialises in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their high school journey and provides opportunities for them to realise their potential at high school, university and beyond through academic enrichment camps and ongoing academic support. Support is also provided to schools, families and communities.

Our Elders and Mentors are very important to the success of the program and help to develop students' confidence, increase their resilience and raise their expectations about what they can achieve during their high school years by strengthening cultural identity.

One of the ways TAI builds the academic and leadership abilities of young people whilst strengthening culture is through our academic enrichment camps (3 per year), where Elders, Mentors and TAI staff provide activities based on Aboriginal ways of learning to guide and support young people develop academic and leadership skills.

## Interested?

If you are interested in joining the TAI team as a Mentor in 2019, please send your expression of interest addressing the criteria of **no more than 2 pages** in length and a current resume, including contact details for 2 referees, to Stacy Maxted, Program Coordinator via email to [Stacy.Maxted@auroraproject.com.au](mailto:Stacy.Maxted@auroraproject.com.au) by **5pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**.

## Key Selection Criteria

1. Aboriginality is a requirement of this position under Section 50 Part D Equal Employment Opportunity Act.
2. High level interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work and engage with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, Elders and other stakeholders
3. Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and issues that impact the education of Aboriginal people.
4. A willingness to work as part of a team to achieve TAI's outcomes.
5. Commitment and ability to attend week long, overnight camps at various locations, in and around Perth, Western Australia.
6. Progression towards a tertiary qualification or a degree qualification
7. The ability to foster and encourage a culture of excellence and uphold Aurora Values.

## Other Requirements

- It is a mandatory requirement that all successful applicants will be required to obtain a satisfactory police check, hold or be willing to obtain a Working with Children's Check and WA driver's license.
- Attendance at after-hours meetings at various times may be required.
- Compliance with WHS and Child Safety policies and procedures to ensure a safe work environment.
- Willingness and availability to attend induction, training and other sessions needed to undertake the role.

For further information or if you have any questions about the role responsibilities, contact Stacy Maxted on 0429 869 590 or [Stacy.Maxted@auroraproject.com.au](mailto:Stacy.Maxted@auroraproject.com.au)

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