



2021 Nanga Mai Awards – Partner EOI

Expressions of interest close Monday 8 March 2021

The NSW Department of Education is seeking expressions of interest to partner with our Nanga Mai Awards – a celebration of innovation, excellence and achievement in Aboriginal education within NSW public schools and school communities.

Event snapshot

The Nanga Mai Awards celebrate and promote the educational achievements of Aboriginal students in NSW Public Schools as well as the achievements of: Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal teachers, other Departmental staff, Aboriginal community members and schools, demonstrating excellence across diverse areas.

The word Nanga Mai is an Eora word meaning to dream. The awards are held annually and attended by the NSW Department of Education senior executive team including the Secretary, Deputy Secretaries and Executive Directors from around the state. The awards are supported by the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. and the Aboriginal Education Council, and organised by the Department's Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships Directorate.

The Department is seeking to:

- Develop awareness and profile of the awards
- Increase the value of the awards to each winner with a cash prize as well as a valuable experience or opportunity (if COVID restrictions allow)
- Continue to build the awards as a robust and exemplary celebration of Aboriginal education that encourages and motivates excellence across the state

The Nanga Mai Awards will be held in 2021 on a date to be advised, marking the 15th year the awards have been held and we invite you to celebrate this online event with us.

Opportunities

Awards partners who can contribute in the following categories are invited to express interest:

1. Principal Partner - \$35,000 + GST (exclusive)

The principal partner of the awards will receive exclusive recognition, with the option to be guaranteed as principal partner of the awards in 2022. The principal partner will be invited to consult on a mutually beneficial project to build and strategically enhance the Nanga Mai Awards into the future.

2. Awards Partner - \$8000 + GST

Awards partners are invited to support Award winners (recognised teachers, students and community leaders), who will receive a cash prize. Awards partners are also invited to suggest an experience, either in person or online, tailored to any award recipient's area of interest or achievement that will provide a lasting benefit and can be offered if COVID and travel restrictions allow.

3. Experience Partner - \$2000 + GST (recommended value of experience)

Experience partners are also invited to suggest an experience, either in person or online, tailored to any award recipient's area of interest or achievement that will provide a lasting benefit and can be offered if COVID and travel restrictions allow.

Experiences for award winners may be:

- mentoring sessions with leading industry figures
- short-term placement with a professional sporting team
- scholarships / access to tertiary courses
- introduction to personnel/ access to innovation fund to promote local initiatives/incubate ideas
- vouchers / event tickets for all winners

Details

Venue:

The 2021 Nanga Mai Awards will be held in an online ceremony

Date:

To be decided.

Award categories:

The awards are divided into three categories. The student awards are open to Aboriginal students. The staff awards are for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff – see the award descriptions below for details.

Student Awards

- **Encouragement award**
Presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated excellent attendance, progress in learning, consistent effort and a positive attitude to school.
- **Outstanding achievement in sport award**
Presented to Aboriginal students who have represented their school and community, demonstrated fairness, integrity and outstanding achievement in their chosen sporting field/s.
- **Outstanding achievement in performing/creative/visual arts award**
Presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated outstanding talent and application in the performing, creative or visual arts.
- **Outstanding achievement in public speaking award**
Presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated exemplary skills in public speaking. The award recognises Aboriginal students' ability to speak with authority and confidence and the ability to maintain audience interest.
- **Student leadership award**
Presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated exceptional skills in promoting, encouraging and supporting student participation across their school and in their community
- **Outstanding student engagement award**
Presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to engaging in a range of educational and extra curricula activities in their school.
- **Academic excellence award**
Presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence in any curriculum area in 2019 and who have displayed a positive attitude to school and a commitment to their future.
- **Highest achieving Aboriginal student in the Higher School Certificate**
Presented to the Aboriginal student with the Highest marks for the 2019 Higher School Certificate from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) results data set.

Staff Awards

- **Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by an Aboriginal staff member**

Presented to an Aboriginal employee of the NSW Department of Education who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students, their families and communities.

- **Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by a non-Aboriginal staff member**

Presented to a non-Aboriginal employee of the NSW Department of Education who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students and a commitment to working with Aboriginal students, their families and communities.

- **Award for outstanding leadership in Aboriginal education (open to any NSW Department of Education employee)**

Presented to a NSW Department of Education employee who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and capacity building among staff, schools and the school community and an ongoing commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.

- **Award for outstanding leadership in Aboriginal languages (open to any NSW Department of Education employee)**

Presented to a NSW Department of Education employee who has demonstrated strong commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students through the implementation of a school Aboriginal languages program.

School/Community Awards

- **Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by a community member (open to any Aboriginal community member)**

Presented to an Aboriginal community member who has contributed significantly to the successful educational achievement of Aboriginal students.

- **Award for outstanding school and community partnership**

Presented to a school that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to respectful and productive partnerships with students, staff, parents and their local Aboriginal communities.

- **Award for outstanding commitment to increasing knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal histories, culture and experiences of Aboriginal peoples**

Presented to a school or a community of schools that have demonstrated a strong commitment to establishing a culture of respect, caring and inclusive teaching practices which recognise, value and meet the diverse needs of Aboriginal students.

- **NSW Department of Education and Aboriginal Education Consultative Group's partnership award**

Presented to NSW Department of Education staff for innovation and commitment in driving improved educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Partner Acknowledgement

The Nanga Mai Awards is a prestigious annual event that brings together high profile stakeholders across education and industry – all committed to supporting the educational achievements of Aboriginal students, teachers, and the wider community.

In 2021, the department will provide our partners with:

- invitations to join the online ceremony
- acknowledgement on digital awards materials to be shared with winners, their schools and communities and invited representatives
- acknowledgement on presentation slides during the online ceremony
- logo acknowledgement on the Nanga Mai Awards website and education.nsw.gov.au
- acknowledgement in social media posts

What next?

Please submit your expression of interest by COB Monday 8 March to confirm interest in an award category

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