



16th Annual Nanga Mai Awards - Partner EOI

Expressions of interest close Friday 3 September
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.

2021 will see the Nanga Mai Awards held twice in one calendar year, as the timing of the awards is shifted so that each year's awards are presented in the same year as they are nominated.

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 16th Annual Nanga Mai Awards will be held on Wednesday 1 December 2021 in the Yallamundi rooms at the Sydney Opera House.

Based on COVID-19 restrictions in place the event may be adapted for online delivery if necessary.

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 the awards financially, contributing to the cash prize our award winners (recognised teachers, students and community leaders) receive.

*Awards partners may also wish to provide an experience, either in person or virtually, tailored to **all award recipients, or all award recipients in a particular category** that can be offered if COVID and travel restrictions allow.*

3. Experience Partner

Experience partners are invited to fund and organise an experience, either in person or virtually, tailored to **all award recipients, or all award recipients in a particular category** that can be offered if COVID and travel restrictions allow.

We are seeking significant experiences for award winners which 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
- other experiences suggested by partners

Details

Venue:

The 16th Annual Nanga Mai Awards will be held at the Sydney Opera House

Date:

Wednesday, 1 December 2021

Impact of COVID-19:

This event will be subject to health and safety guidelines pertaining to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as stipulated by NSW Health and may be adapted for online delivery as required.

Award categories:

Student Awards

- **AOPD Outstanding All Round Student Award**
4 Awards - 2 Primary | 2 Secondary
Presented by the Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships directorate to Aboriginal student/s who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and excellence across a range of activities, including attendance, leadership, academic commitment and progress, community service, cultural commitments and a positive attitude to school
- **Academic Excellence Award**
4 Awards - 2 Primary | 2 Secondary
Presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence in any curriculum area in 2021 and who have displayed a positive attitude to school and a commitment to their future.
- **Student Leadership Award**
4 Awards - 2 Primary | 2 Secondary
Presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated exceptional skills in promoting, encouraging and supporting student participation across their school and in their community.
- **Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking Award**
4 Awards - 2 Primary | 2 Secondary
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.
- **Outstanding achievement in Performing/ Creative/Visual Arts Award**
3 Awards
Presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated outstanding talent and application in the performing, creative or visual arts.
- **Outstanding Achievement in Sport Award**
3 Awards
Presented to Aboriginal students who have represented their school and community, demonstrated fairness, integrity and outstanding achievement in their chosen sporting field/s.
- **The NSW DoE School-Based Apprentice/ Trainee of the Year Award**
1 Award
Presented to a student who has maintained outstanding commitment, effort and application in completing their School Based Traineeship, which includes high application to workplace training and VET course, alongside their HSC.

- **The NSW VET in Schools Student of the Year Award**

1 Award

Presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, commitment, effort and application to completing their VET and HSC commitments.

Staff Awards (1 Award in each category)

- **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

(1 Award in each category)

- **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.

Other Awards

- **Kimberwalli Award for outstanding contribution to Aboriginal Education**

- **AOPD Award for outstanding contribution to Aboriginal Education**

- **Connected Community Award for outstanding contribution to Aboriginal Education**

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 offers our partners:

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

What next?

Please click [here](#) to submit your expression of interest via our online form by **COB Friday 3 September** to confirm interest in an award category

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