Special Research Initiative for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researchers’ Network

In 2012, the Australian Government funded the Special Research Initiative for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researchers’ Network (ATSIRN), with almost $3.2 million awarded over a four year period.

The Network will bring together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers of all career stages and from a range of discipline areas at research institutions across Australia. The Network’s core functions will be to build Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research capacity, mentor new researchers and advance research in Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

The successful proposal is titled “National Indigenous Research and Knowledges Network” (NIRAKN). The Network is led by Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson and the Queensland University of Technology is the Administering Organisation.

Nine Collaborating Organisations were listed on the proposal:
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Central Queensland University
- Charles Darwin University
- The Australian National University
- The University of Newcastle
- The University of Western Australia
- University of Tasmania
- University of Technology, Sydney
- University of Wollongong.

Five Partner Organisations were listed on the proposal:
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation
- National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples
- Ninti One Limited
- United Nations University
- South Coast Womens Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation.

One Network Director, nine Network Node Leaders, 34 Network Participants and five Partner Investigators were listed on the proposal.

For more information about NIRAKN, please visit http://www.nirakn.edu.au/

Further information: Website: www.arc.gov.au > National Competitive Grants Program > Special Research Initiatives > Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researchers’ Network

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