

Outstanding Opportunity Available

Aboriginal Program Coordinator (WA)

Aurora Education Foundation



The Aurora Education Foundation (AEF) delivers The Aspiration Initiative (TAI), a program aimed at enhancing educational engagement and improving academic outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students. TAI takes students from Year 8 and works with them to support their aspirations through to the end of their first year out of high school.

An independent evaluation of TAI by Nous Group concluded that the Program is unique. In the Australian context, its uniqueness lies in that fact that TAI:

- Provides a combination of academic focused, culturally responsive activities that includes social and practical supports to strengthen academic and career aspirations, overcome socioeconomic barriers and respond to discrimination
- Delivers supports to students in their schools, with a particular focus on public schools, rather than requiring them to transition into private schools
- Is offered to students early (in Year 8)
- Provides intensive support throughout high school (consistent with international best practice).

Based on TAI's unparalleled success, we are establishing a new cohort of students in Perth, Western Australia and are looking for a talented Aboriginal Program Coordinator to work with us to do this.

This role is vital for the success of our program and will provide you with the opportunity to make a genuine difference to Indigenous communities. In this role, you will work with TAI's National Manager to establish program operations, engage with community, Elders, schools, universities, students, their families and other stakeholders. You will coordinate academic camps, enrichment activities, manage day-to-day operations and work closely with curriculum and other specialists.

Based in Perth, this role will suit someone with a commitment to social justice for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people and preferably with experience working with children or youth in an educational or community setting (e.g., teaching, youth work, university outreach, mentoring, community development, capacity building). Strong stakeholder engagement and communication skills are also important.

To be successful in this role you will have:

- A tertiary qualification within the Education, Community or Social Sciences field or related discipline and a minimum of 5 years' experience in an education, community development or community project management related role.
- Demonstrated success in the application of community development principles and practices in delivering community projects and plans, preferably within an Aboriginal Community context.
- High level project management and report writing skills.
- The ability to develop, implement and manage operational plans, grants and budgets.

This is an identified role for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Aurora Education Foundation considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under Clause 50 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (WA).

For an initial conversation and to obtain a copy of the full job description, please contact:

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