Australian Government

PRIME MINISTER'S PRIZE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

2027

Nominate for the 2027 prize

Nominations close 7 January 2027 at 5:00 pm AEDT.



The Knowledge Systems Prize recognises the practice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems with benefit to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and/or place, and the nation.

Prize recipients receive $250,000 in prize money, a medallion and national recognition of their work. Highly ranked nominees may also receive a Highly Commended certificate.

Why nominate

Nominating someone spotlights their achievements, helps ensure their efforts are seen, valued and remembered. It could enhance the nominee's career, confidence or visibility.

Who can nominate

Nominators must:

- be personally knowledgeable of the nominated achievement and be able to offer informed opinions about its significance
- not be a close family member of the nominee.

Who can be nominated

Nominees of the Knowledge Systems Prize:

- must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- can be an individual, a team or a community group (up to 4 people may be named)
- must practise Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems as part of an Indigenous-led project with demonstrated benefit to Australian Indigenous peoples, communities and/or place.

Diversity in nominations matters

The prizes celebrate the breadth and diversity of Australia's best talent.

Recipients become role models for people working in STEM. We encourage nominations from:

- women and gender diverse people
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples
- people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- LGBTQIA+ people
- people living in regional and remote areas
- people living with disabilities
- people from low socio-economic backgrounds
- neurodivergent people.

Nominations are assessed relative to opportunity. Career breaks, caring responsibilities, community roles and cultural obligations will not disadvantage nominees.

How to nominate

Go to **industry.gov.au/PMPrizesNominate** and read the guidelines. Complete your stage 1 nomination via the link to the online portal.

- Address all eligibility and assessment criteria.
- Include the contact details of 2 supporters and 2 independent referees.
- Provide a background and experience statement for each nominee.

If your nomination progresses to stage 2, you will be asked to provide more detail.

Key dates for the 2027 prizes

- Stage 1 nominations close: **Thursday 7 January 2027 at 5:00 pm AEDT**
- Assessment and shortlisting
- Stage 2 nominations open: **mid-April 2027**
- Stage 2 nominations close: **early May 2027**
- Recipients announced: **late 2027**

Start your nomination early and don't miss the closing date.

Find out more

To find out more about the prizes and read the 2027–29 guidelines, go to

industry.gov.au/PMPrizesNominate

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