\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*

TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION SUCCESSFULLY PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS

1. READ – TIPS FOR COMPLETING AND BUILDING A STRONG APPLICATION
2. DOWNLOAD YOUR APPLICATION FORM ON YOUR DEVICE
3. COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION FORM
4. COPY AND PASTE YOUR RESPONSES INTO THE APPLICATION PORTAL

Tips for completing and building a strong Application

A strong application can be completed if you have familiarity with Stronger Smarter Institute Language and Processes. To complete a strong application, follow the suggested link to SSI readings: <https://strongersmarter.com.au/stronger-smarter-approach/>

The above readings encourage participants to reflect on their capacity to make a difference and explore ways to enhance educational outcomes for Indigenous students.

Research the topics regarding the questions

**Suggestions** for your research to support your application can be done through a variety of avenues:

This will enable you to enhance your application by sharing with us your knowledge around STEM and Indigenous Knowledges***. Such a, QI of application***: How much knowledge do you have about Family/Cultural Caring for Country, Families, and link back to Country?



* Talk to your family Elders
* Talk to other elders in your community
* Talk to Traditional Custodians of the Country where you live and work

Research online through:

* [Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (aiatsis.gov.au)](https://aiatsis.gov.au/)
* [The Healing Foundation](https://healingfoundation.org.au/)
* [STEM – AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM](https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources/stem/)
* [Closing the Gap 2020 Report](https://ctgreport.niaa.gov.au/)
* [How is Australia dealing with the STEM crisis? | Good Schools Guide](https://www.goodschools.com.au/insights/education-updates/how-is-australia-dealing-with-the-stem-crisis)

Watch:

* [Kanyini](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lDlQbjZ1kY)
* [The Apology – Kevin Rudd 2008](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiLnsFyAVqE)
* [Redfern Speech 1992 – Paul Keating](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKhmTLN3Ddo)

     

Read:

* [Good Morning Mr Sarra](https://books.google.com.au/books/about/Good_Morning_Mr_Sarra.html?id=Mdx8nf44ApoC&printsec=frontcover&source=kp_read_button&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false)
* [Stronger Smarter Approach Position Paper](https://strongersmarter.com.au/resources/high-expectations-relationships/stronger-smarter-approach-position-paper/)
* [High-Expectations Relationships | Stronger Smarter](https://strongersmarter.com.au/high-expectations-relationships/)
* Dark Emu – Bruce Pascoe
* Fire Country – Victor Steffensen

Reflect on your how you are with your family/clan/mob/Country/languages you speak

* Select a significant time (eg season, ceremony) where you can describe the interconnectedness of what occurs, what can be seen (stars, stages of life cycles of animals/trees, weather, family)
* How ceremony and gatherings are a part of family life
* Knowing your kinship system, family ties, totems, language, and traditions

Reflect on how you are with your community

* The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Events you and family involved in.
* Name Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Organisations/groups/clubs you are involved with Eg Health Centre, Housing Orgs, Sporting Clubs, Dance groups, community groups.

Some of these questions may be confronting or challenging - where can you get help?

* Speak to family
* Speak to Elders
* Your workplace may have Employee Assistance Program Support
* Seek medical advice
* [Beyond Blue](https://www.beyondblue.org.au/)
* [The Healing Foundation](https://healingfoundation.org.au/)

Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students may be from the following examples:



Working at school

* Coaching/managing sport
* Mentoring/ supporting/teaching within family, school or community organisations (eg. Language, transfer of Indigenous Knowledges)
* Events/ceremonies (eg. dance groups, rituals and traditions)

Sections will have limited space for you to provide your answer – tips for answering:

*Brainstorm all your ideas around a question*

* *Receive feedback from colleagues, family and community*
* *Condense your answers to be concise, factual, easy to comprehend.*
* *Ensure you have answered the question*

*Assistance is available*

* *An Application Webinar will be available to connect with assistance to complete application*