



2022 Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program



About the program

The Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (QIYLP) is a leadership and professional development program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders aged 18–25. It is delivered with the support of corporate sponsor Glencore Coal Assets Australia.

QIYLP offers an exciting opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from right across the state to:

- develop their leadership and self-development skills
- learn about Queensland's democratic processes
- use their new skills to lead community projects.

Since it began in 2004, more than 630 people have participated in the program, with many returning in subsequent years as mentors and facilitators.

QIYLP is the flagship program of the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Strategy, which offers several complementary opportunities to current and past QIYLP participants including:

- a mentor program
- work placement opportunity with the Department of Environment and Science
- a professional development scheme to support past participants in their ongoing education and employment
- community project funding to support local initiatives and help drive change for communities.

What to expect at QIYLP

QIYLP is a leadership and skills development program. The opportunities it provides for participants include:

- intensive leadership workshops—facilitated by Indigenous community leaders and content experts
- mentoring and networking activities—participants can network with high-profile politicians, respected Elders and community leaders from Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and representatives of the Queensland Government
- guidance on how to scope and prepare community proposals for community project grants to drive real local change
- participation in the one-day Eric Deeral Indigenous Youth Parliament delivered by the Queensland Parliamentary Services, providing young people with an opportunity to improve their understanding of parliamentary processes and experience parliament first-hand.

Participants also have the opportunity post-program to:

- apply for funding to support their ongoing personal and professional development through the QIYLP professional development scheme



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- apply for funding for local community projects to drive real change in local communities
- participate in ongoing mentoring support offered by our partner agencies
- apply for a 6-month work placement with the Department of Environment and Science to support improved employment outcomes
- apply to return as mentors, lead mentors or a co-facilitator in following years (all training is provided by the department).

Why should young people participate?

Through an interactive learning environment, the program aims to:

- develop Indigenous young people's community leadership skills and potential
- connect and facilitate Indigenous young people's continued engagement with similar leadership and development opportunities/initiatives/programs across the state, nationally and internationally
- engage Indigenous young people in community project scoping and delivery
- improve Indigenous young people's participation levels in governance and democratic engagement processes in their communities
- build an increasing network of Indigenous young leaders to participate in consultation with government and stakeholders.

When is the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program held?

QIYLP 2022 will be held from 25 June–30 June 2022 in Brisbane.

When do applications open?

Applications open 14 March 2022 and are advertised on the QIYLP website (www.qld.gov.au/qiylp).

Applications close at midnight on 28 April 2022.

Who can apply?

We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, aged 18 to 25 years, from remote, regional and urban communities from across Queensland who have not previously attended the program.

How to apply?

When applications are open, you can apply [online](#) or download and print an application form then email it to QIYLP@des.qld.gov.au.

Applications must include a current resume.

COVID-19 vaccination requirements

Participants who attend QIYLP are classed as volunteers attending the program for the Department of Environment and Science. Any volunteer, contractor, consultant or employee for the department is obliged to have received all COVID-19 vaccinations or have approved recorded medical contraindication.

Applications must include a COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate.



How are participants selected?

Forty (40) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people are selected based on their application against the selection criteria. An additional 5 applicants will also be shortlisted to be on the reserve list should a selected participant withdraw and a place becomes available.

When are successful/unsuccessful applicants notified?

The Department of Environment and Science will contact the unsuccessful and shortlisted applicants (either by telephone, letter or email) around 3 weeks after the application closing date.

Shortlisted applicants will be provided with an Acceptance Agreement form similar to a letter of offer, explaining the terms and conditions of attending the program.

If the applicant agrees and signs the form they will be offered a place at the program, however if they do not wish to accept the terms and conditions of attending they will not be offered a place.

More information

To learn more about QIYLP visit www.qld.gov.au/qiylp.

If you have questions about the program, contact Jessie Williams, QIYLP Coordinator, Department of Environment and Science on 0459 899 637 or QIYLP@des.qld.gov.au.