

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Mediation Training Scholarships Program



The Australian Disputes Centre (ADC) is an independent, not-for-profit company dedicated to advancing Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) knowledge and skills. Our vision is a world where businesses, government entities and communities in dispute have the knowledge, skills, resources and the commitment to utilise ADR processes appropriate to their dispute.

Mediation is a proven dispute resolution process utilised around the world to reduce levels of conflict in many cultural contexts. Through respectful dialogue and collaborative decision-making, mediation promotes access to justice and supports timely, cost-effective and confidential dispute resolution that helps people thrive.

TRAINING MEDIATORS

ADC's Corporate Social Responsibility program focuses on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and community members benefitting from knowledge of, and access to, mediation and to indigenous mediators. ADC's tuition Scholarships are offered for its training courses across Australia.

The program aims to ensure that Scholarship recipients receive culturally sensitive training to the National Mediation Accreditation Standards, are supported by their communities in the role of mediator, and benefit from ongoing professional development opportunities.

Candidates are chosen recognising their current work in communities [be that paid or voluntary]; leadership capability; capacity and capability to undertake an intensive 5-day mediation course and their commitment to champion mediation..



YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP

Do you know some-one you think would make a great mediator and a champion for effective dispute resolution in their organisation or community? Personal referrals, from those who understand the objectives of ADC's program and who know their community members well, are integral to ADC's ability to identify great Scholarship candidates. Please contact us today with your personal recommendations!

Would you like to contribute further to the work of this important program? ADC is seeking sponsors to expand the Scholarship Program to help communities develop conflict capability and cohesion through flexible, affordable, and culturally appropriate dispute resolution.

Partnering with ADC on its ATSI Mediation Training Scholarship Program is a great way to expand your Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives in an accessible and highly-effective way. As one Mining Native Title Manager said of the program, **'A lot of good work can be done for very little money'**. This program really makes a difference!

Sponsoring a candidate, or assisting ADC with in-kind support, also provides an opportunity to connect directly with individuals and Aboriginal communities across Australia; contributing to us all building networks of influence, and understanding.

With your generous support, the life-changing skills and multiple benefits of mediation can be advanced and accessed throughout metropolitan, regional and remote Australia

Please contact us today to discuss.

Canberra, 13 Feb 2008 – Photos by Gigi Lockhart Moisa, age 11.

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