

Expression of Interest Form

APAC is reviewing its Accreditation Standards in 2025 to ensure compliance with the Psychology Board of Australia's (PsyBA) new '**Professional Competencies for Psychologists**' and '**Code of Conduct**' while addressing minor issues or concerns in the current Standards (2019). The updated Standards will be revised, and draft Standards will be finalised by October 2025. Three groups are being formed to provide consultative support to the standards review.

- **Psychology Accreditation Standards Working Group**
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group**
- **Diversity in Psychology Advisory Group**

Each group will meet for **five sessions** during the Accreditation Standards Review 2025 project. These sessions will be approximately 2 hours long, totalling a 10-hour commitment for members. The sessions are scheduled to occur across the following timeframes. A nominal payment will be made to external members of each Working and Advisory Group.

Session Name:	Timeframe:
Mapping APAC Standards and PsyBA compliance	10 February – 21 February
Additional issues identification	21 February – 07 March 2025
Information sharing across groups	11 April – 25 April `2025
Open collaboration between groups	5 May – 19 May 2025
Review final draft Standards	6 June – 20 June 2025

Once members have been selected for each working group, a specific session date and time will be organised. To allow for reasonable accommodations for all members nationally, all sessions will not start before 9:00 a.m. AWST.

About APAC

The Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) is an independent quality and standards organisation. APAC develops and reviews the standards for accreditation of psychology programs of study at all higher education providers (HEPs) in Australia, and:

- develops and maintains standards for the education and training of psychologists.
- assesses higher education providers' (HEP) psychology programs of study to determine whether they meet the approved Accreditation Standards.
- monitors HEPs' accredited psychology programs of study to ensure they continue to meet the approved Accreditation Standards.
- provides advice and consultation to the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA) and other bodies on education and training relevant to the psychology profession and discipline.

APAC's Vision and Purpose

To improve societal wellbeing through ensuring high-quality education and training in psychology. APAC sets, maintains and assesses against standards for education and training in psychology.

Key selection criteria

APAC seeks to appoint people with appropriate experience who are highly committed to reforming the APAC Accreditation Standards.

APAC will appoint individuals based on the following key selection criteria:

1. Postgraduate qualifications in psychology.
2. Demonstrated extensive, practical, and deep understanding of the APAC Accreditation Standards (2019).
3. Demonstrated extensive experience in various aspects of contemporary psychology education and training in the higher education sector. Experience as a program convener, director of academic programs, and head or deputy head would be highly valued.
4. If applying to the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisory group' or the 'Diversity in Psychology advisory group', demonstrate significant professional experience relevant to the specialist area in one or more aspects of the psychology sector, particularly education and training.

Applicants with relevant personal or community experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs or diversity-inclusion and intersectionality in psychology are encouraged to apply.

Expression of interest application process

Please apply including:

- a current resume detailing relevant experience
- a cover letter of no more than 500 words addressing the key selection criteria described above
- the names and contact details of two referees

Further information regarding each working group will be released in early January 2025. If you have any enquiries about this call for expression of interest, please contact APAC's Executive Officer, Stephanie Roberts at apac@apac.au.

Please submit your expression of interest to APAC no later than **31 January 2025** to apacstandards@apac.au email.

Please note, applicants are expected to be notified of the outcome before the first meeting of the working and advisory groups in **early February 2025**.