



## Call for Expressions of Interest

### APAC Accreditation Assessors

#### ABOUT APAC

The Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) is a quality and standards organisation appointed under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009<sup>1</sup> (the National Law) as the accrediting authority for the psychology profession in Australia.

APAC's mission is to ensure that education and training in psychology is conducted to a high standard, such that graduates of APAC-accredited programs are well equipped to employ their psychological knowledge and skills in the community including, where applicable, being sufficiently competent to warrant registration to practice with the Psychology Board of Australia.

APAC is responsible for a large program of assessment, advisory, monitoring and standards functions, including the accreditation of more than 500 courses across 41 higher education providers including offshore courses in Malaysia and Singapore. APAC provides accreditation training, as well as advice on quality improvement and other aspects of higher education and training to a range of organisations including the Psychology Board of Australia and governments. APAC has links with other national and international accreditation agencies and licensing bodies, higher education regulatory agencies (such as TEQSA) and with higher education quality networks.

#### ABOUT THE ROLE OF APAC ACCREDITATION ASSESSORS

APAC accreditation assessors are trained volunteers who participate in accreditation assessments and contribute to the program of work of the Accreditation Assessment Committee (AAC). Assessors can expect to travel interstate regularly, undertaking APAC assessment site visits, audits and advisory work. APAC covers the cost of travel and related expenses, and although assessors also receive a modest honorarium on a per-assessment basis, currently the role is essentially a voluntary one. Assessors are required to undertake assessor training regularly, to maintain and update their knowledge of the sector and to sign agreements containing confidentiality, conflict of interest and code of conduct provisions.

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<sup>1</sup> As enacted in each state and territory of Australia.

## KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

APAC is seeking to appoint people with appropriate experience who are highly committed to its mission concerning the education and training of psychologists in Australia. A number of appointments of up to three years are available. The APAC Board of Directors will make appointments to the AAC based on the following key selection criteria:

1. APAC assessors must have postgraduate qualifications in psychology;
2. APAC assessors must have current, relevant higher education experience: once an assessor has ceased active work and leadership in the area of learning and teaching and curriculum development in the tertiary sector for 18 months, he/she will not normally be eligible to be a member of the AAC;
3. APAC assessors must hold, or have recently held an academic appointment at Senior Lecturer (Level C) or above at an accredited AOU;
4. APAC assessors should demonstrate extensive experience in the provision of psychology education and training in the higher education sector, particularly at the level of Program Convenor, Director of Academic Program, Head or Deputy Head;
5. APAC Assessors should be able to demonstrate an understanding of accreditation requirements and be able to complete APAC Board-approved training prior to undertaking any accreditation assessment activities.

## EOI REQUIREMENTS

Expressions of interest (EOIs) must:

- include the applicant's full name (including preferred salutation), address for correspondence, telephone number, and email address on the first page of the EOI;
- include a statement of suitability of no more than 500 words, which directly addresses the Key Selection Criteria;
- include a current *curriculum vitae*
- include the names and contact details of three (3) referees
- reach APAC no later than 5pm on Wednesday 4/10/2017 by email to: [accreditation@psychologycouncil.org.au](mailto:accreditation@psychologycouncil.org.au)

### Please Note:

- EOIs which do not comply with any of the above requirements will not be considered.
- Applicants are expected to be notified of the outcome of their EOI in November 2017.
- Enquiries about this Call for Expression of Interest should be directed to [accreditation@psychologycouncil.org.au](mailto:accreditation@psychologycouncil.org.au).