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**A** program providing internships to 507 Indigenous Australian university students has won the Spiire Award for Innovation at this year's Property Council of Australia Innovation and Excellence Awards. The award was one of the most highly contested of the event, with 20 finalists.

The internship program is run by CareerTrackers, a non-profit organisation that links Indigenous Australian students with private sector companies. The goal is to "create career pathways through a structured internship program". Among the 58 companies involved in the program, many of them are directly involved with engineering. They include Abigroup, BP, GHD, John Holland, Orica, Qantas, Shell, Thiess, Transfield and WorleyParsons. There are 296 students involved with companies in construction, property and the built environment industries.

CEO of CareerTrackers Michael Combs said: "It was an honour to be the first non-profit organisation to receive a Property Council Award in its 34-year history and even more of an honour to be the first Indigenous project recognised." The awards are held to recognise innovation and leading practice in Australia's property development and investment industries. Spiire, the sponsor of the award for innovation, is an infrastructure consultant and fully owned subsidiary of Downer Australia. ■