# Inspiring Australia - Science Engagement Programme: Sponsorship Grants for Student Science Engagement and International Competitions

Sponsorship grants for Student Science Engagement and International Competitions provides schools, community groups and other organisations to sponsor eligible young Australians in their pursuit for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills.

## Completing an eligible application

Your application must be 100% complete to be considered eligible. We review your application against the eligibility criteria in the order in which we receive the applications. Grant funding is offered until the available funding for this grant opportunity is fully subscribed, or by 29 April 2021.

To be eligible, your application must meet all the eligibility requirements under section 4.1 of the grant opportunity guidelines. In the event your application is missing information in meeting all the eligibility requirements, your application may be deemed ineligible and it will lose its place in the queue for funding. You may submit a new application thereafter but it will be reviewed based on the new date and time of submission. Please read the below information carefully if you are one of the following organisations.

## Is your ABN Incorporated?

**You are not eligible to apply if you are an unincorporated association or entity**

A school that is an unincorporated entity must apply through a related incorporated entity. Before applying, please check that your ABN is listed as incorporated via [ABN Lookup](https://abr.business.gov.au/).

* Insert ABN in search field
* Check “entity type” is incorporated

This could be where an Archdiocese oversees a cluster of unincorporated catholic schools or a state education department generally acts on behalf of an unincorporated local school. We cannot enter into a grant agreement with the unincorporated entity and your application may be deemed ineligible if you do not apply through the related incorporated entity.There are some scenarios where your ABN is listed as unincorporated in ABN Lookup but your ABN/organisation was historically incorporated under a particular legislation. This scenario is most relevant to religious affiliated schools and *an example* is provided below.

The Uniting Church in Australia Act 1976 provides incorporation evidence under section 34 – Certain bodies incorporated <http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/wa/consol_act/uciaa1976277/s34.html>

If your ABN/organisation aligns to this scenario, you **must** provide evidence of incorporation to confirm eligibility.

This can be provided as an attachment to your application in the Application Finalisation page under Supporting Evidence. You may also want to enter some reference text and/or a hyperlink that enables us to confirm that your organisation is incorporated for meeting eligibility requirements.

If such evidence of incorporation is not provided and the ABN/organisation is listed as unincorporated in ABN Lookup, your application may be deemed ineligible.

## Are you a government school from New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania or Western Australia?

A government school in New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania or Western Australia is not considered independent for the purpose of entering into contracts including grant agreements with the Commonwealth. Where your school cannot enter into a grant agreement, you must provide details of your legal entity as a Collaborator in your application.

You should still enter your school’s ABN as the applicant for identification purpose and you must enter your legal entity’s ABN in the Collaborator section of your application as follows:

* New South Wales: NSW Government Schools, 18 246 198 266
* South Australia: The Minister for Education, 91 814 239 978
* Tasmania: Department of Education Tasmania, 26 237 631 294
* Western Australia: Department of Education, 69 769 481 770

If the relevant state education department is not included as a Collaborator in the application, the application may be deemed ineligible and you must reapply.

In the Collaborator section of your application, we also collect street and postal addresses due to system requirements. You can look these up online and fill in accordingly.

However you should enter your School Principal’s details under the subsequent heading Collaborator Primary Contact. In New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania, your School Principal is authorised to accept (execute) the grant agreement if approved for funding. When your application is approved, you must invite your School Principal into the application portal for this purpose when we issue the grant agreement..

For a Western Australian government school, only an authorised representative from your state education department can accept (execute) the grant agreement. We will liaise with the authorised officer to be invited into the application portal at the time of approval.

The grant will be paid to your relevant state education department who is then responsible for transmitting the funds to your school as outlined in sections 9.1 and 9.4 of the grant opportunity guidelines.

## Need more information?

For more information, visit [business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx) or call 13 28 46. Face-to-face assistance is also available from AusIndustry’s national network.