



Frequently Asked Questions

International Space Investment – Expand Capability grants

1. How do I apply for funding?

The grant opportunity application can only be submitted through the online portal. Go to business.gov.au for information on how to apply.

2. Program timing?

Applications will open at 9am AEDT Tuesday 5 November 2019, and close at 5pm AEDT Tuesday 17 December 2019.

The assessment process is expected to be complete by April 2020, with grant agreements in place so projects can commence by May 2020.

Projects must be completed by 30 June 2022.

3. Can my organisation submit more than one application?

Yes, one organisation can be the lead applicant for multiple separate projects. The organisation can also be a contributing partner for multiple projects.

4. Can I apply for a grant to support my astronomy project?

The International Space Investment - Expand Capability program aims to build the capacity and capability of the Australian space sector. If you choose to apply for a grant to support an astronomy project, to be competitive, you will need to make a case to demonstrate how your project will benefit the Australian Space Industry (merit criterion 1), including how:

- a minimum of 80% of the investment will be made in Australia for the benefit of Australian space industry firms
- your project will build the capability and capacity of the Australian space sector
- your project will support jobs creation in the Australian space sector
- your project will unlock international

opportunities for the Australian space sector, including to deliver products and service to international space agencies and their supply chains, in line with the national Civil Space Priorities. Key definitions are below.

Definition of Australian space industry firms

Australian organisations that deliver space-related products and services as a core capability of the organisation, including organisations with activities in space manufacturing and associated supply chain, satellite operations, as well as consumer services delivered by space capabilities, and specialist space services (e.g. space law).

Definition of the Australian space sector

Australian organisations that are:

- Australian space industry firms, and/or
- engaged in space-related innovation, R&D, or research (basic or applied).

5. What are the character limits for my application?

The online form includes character limits for each question. If you are drafting content in Microsoft Word please be aware that Word does not consider a return to be a character but the application form does. This may result in a slight difference in word counts across Word and the online form.

6. Where do I attach letters of support?

All supporting documentation must be submitted with your application. Letters are attached at the Application Finalisation section of the application form (tab 10). You can attach the applicant letter under 'evidence of support from your board'. All other letters of support can be attached under 'evidence of support from one or more international space agencies'. You can attach multiple documents under this heading.

7. Need more information?

For more information, visit business.gov.au or call 13 28 46.

We may update this document from time to time to add further information, where required.