



Australian Government

Department of Industry, Science and Resources

Sample application form

Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Program: Sponsorship Grants for Student Science Engagement and International Competitions 2025 - Stream 2

This document shows the questions included in the online application form for this grant opportunity. It will help you prepare your responses and the mandatory attachments you need before you apply online.

Instructions

The online form captures the information required by the department to assess and manage your application for services and funding.

The first page of the application page contains the following instructions.

Completing your application

The application consists of separate pages as shown in the navigation menu on the left hand side of the portal page. You can navigate between pages using the menu or the buttons at the bottom of each page.

A warning message may appear if you have not completed all of the mandatory questions or if there is an issue with information you have entered. If a question is not mandatory it will be clearly marked – Optional.

Saving your responses

You can save your changes at any time by using the Save button.

To prevent you losing your work you should save often. The portal will time out after 30 minutes if you do not save. Typing or moving your mouse does not reset the time out.

You must use the Save and Continue button to validate the information on each page. If you use the menu to navigate between pages, you will be prompted on the final page to go back and validate all of the information you have entered. A green tick indicates a validated page.

You can modify saved responses up until you submit your application.

Participants

You may invite others to assist in completing your application via the application summary page. To do this:

- Select the Participants button
- Enter the details

An email will be sent to your participant inviting them to assist with your application.

Submitting your application

You must complete every page of the application before you can submit.

You must also read and agree to the declaration which advises you of your responsibilities.

Check all your answers before you submit your application. After you submit, it will no longer be editable.

Internet browsers supported by the portal

We recommend that you use the following browsers for optimum functionality:

- On Windows: The latest versions of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome and Microsoft Edge
- On Mac: The latest versions of Safari and Google Chrome

Getting help

If you require further assistance completing this form, [contact us](#) by email or web chat or on 13 28 46.

A. Program selection

Before you start your application, we need to first identify what type of entity is applying.

Some programs we offer allow entities without an ABN to apply. The form is designed to accommodate these entities. However for this grant opportunity, an ABN is mandatory. If you do not have an ABN this grant opportunity will not appear in the program selection at the bottom of the first page and you will not be able to continue.

If you are a trustee applying on behalf of a trust we will need details of both the trust and trustee.

Before you start you should have the following details ready if they are applicable to you.

- Australian Business Number (ABN)
or
- Australian Company Number (ACN)
- Indigenous Corporation Number
- Australian Registered Body Number
- Australian Registered Scheme Number
- Incorporated Association Registration
- Co-operative Registration Number
- Charity status
- Not for profit status

Where applicable, international organisations will need to provide

- country of registration
- registration number

Government schools in New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia **are not** legal entities in their own right. You must include your relevant state or territory education department's ABN as Collaborator in your application in order to enter into a grant agreement.

Non-government schools including catholic organisations that are unincorporated entities must apply through a related incorporated entity in order to enter into a grant agreement.

A.1. Program selection

You must select from a drop-down menu the program that you are applying for. **Please ensure you have selected the correct Stream that you wish to apply for.** If you have been provided with an Invitation code, you will be able to enter it here which will select the program for you.

- Field 1 select – Sponsorship Grants for Student Science Engagement and International Competitions 2025 – Stream 2
- Field 2 select - Sponsorship Grants for Student Science Engagement and International Competitions 2025 – Stream 2

When you have selected the program, the following text will appear.

This application form is intended for **Stream 2** of the Sponsorship Grants for Student Science Engagement and International Competitions 2025 grant opportunity (Sponsorship Grants) only. In Stream 2, applications must be on behalf of a student or group of students enrolled at a school with an [Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage \(ICSEA\) value of 1001 or above](#).

The Sponsorship Grants program was announced as part of the Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Program. Up to \$1.6 million is available for this grant opportunity for the 2024-25 financial year.

The Sponsorship Grants provide organisations, such as schools and community groups, with funds to sponsor a student or group of students to participate in in-person and virtual STEM engagement events, activities and competitions hosted in Australia or overseas.

The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity are to:

- support Australian students to develop STEM skills
- increase the number of students applying to participate in domestic and international STEM competitions and events
- increase the number of students participating in STEM education and going on to a career in STEM
- increase engagement and participation in groups under-represented in STEM.

The maximum grant amount is \$15,000 and the minimum is \$1,500.

The maximum grant amount per student is:

- \$2,000 for STEM engagement events, activities or competitions occurring within Australia
- \$5,000 for STEM engagement events, activities or competitions requiring international travel.

Government schools in New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia **are not** legal entities in their own right. You must include your relevant state or territory education department's ABN as Collaborator in your application in order to enter into a grant agreement.

Non-government schools including catholic organisations that are unincorporated entities must apply through a related incorporated entity in order to enter into a grant agreement.

You should read the [grant opportunity guidelines](#) and [sample grant agreements](#) before filling out this application. We recommend you keep the guidelines open as you are completing your application so you can refer to them when providing your responses.

Applications can be submitted until the available funding for this grant opportunity is fully subscribed, or by 5.00pm AEDT on 14 January 2025, whichever occurs earlier. We encourage you to submit your application early. Please take account of time zone differences when submitting your application.

To prevent you losing your work you should save often. The portal will time out after 30 minutes if you do not save. Typing or moving your mouse does not reset the time out.

B. Eligibility

We will ask you the following questions to establish your eligibility for the Sponsorship Grants for Student Science Engagement and International Competitions 2025 grant opportunity.

- Are you applying on behalf of a student or group of students that are enrolled in a school with an [Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage \(ICSEA\)](#) value of **1001 or above**?

*For more information on ICSEA values and to find the ICSEA value for a school, please see <https://www.myschool.edu.au>. If you are applying on the behalf of a student or group of students enrolled at a school with an ICSEA value of **1000 or below**, you are not eligible for Stream 2 and must start a new application to select **Stream 1** of this grant opportunity.*

You must answer yes to proceed to the next question.

- Select which type of entity you are:
 - a primary or secondary school that is registered with the relevant authority
 - an incorporated not for profit organisation
 - an entity incorporated in Australia
 - none of the above.

You must select one of the eligible options from a drop down menu to proceed to the next question.

- Are you applying on behalf of a student or group of students under the age of 18 (at the time of application) to participate in a specific STEM event, activity or competition that meets the requirements under the guidelines, including meeting any qualification or acceptance requirements?

You must answer yes to proceed to the next question.

- Are you the school principal, chief executive officer (or equivalent), a member of the managing board or have the relevant authority to submit the application on behalf of the student/s and confirm the participating student/s are supported by their school or organisation?

You must answer yes to proceed to the next question.

- Do you have the capacity to meet any costs of participation at the STEM event, activity or competition not covered by grant funding?

You must answer yes to proceed to the next question.

- Will your event take place within one year of this application being submitted?

You must answer yes to proceed to the next question.

- Are you running the STEM event, activity or competition?

*You must answer **no** to proceed to the next question.*

- Have you already received funding to attend this event, competition or undertake this activity either under this program or through other sources of Australian government funding?

*You must answer **no** to proceed to the next question.*

- Are you able to enter into a grant agreement in your own right or through an affiliated entity?

Refer to section 4.1 of the grant opportunity guidelines for further information.

You must answer yes to proceed to the next section.

C. Applicant address

C.1. Applicant street address

You must provide your street address.

When you start typing the address in the field you can select the correct one from the drop down list that appears. If it is not there you can enter manually.

C.2. Applicant postal address

You must provide your postal address.

When you start typing the address in the field you can select the correct one from the drop down list that appears. If it is not there you can enter manually.

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D. Primary contact

You must provide the details of a primary contact for your application.

The primary contact is the person authorised to act on behalf of the applicant and we send all email correspondence to this person. If you are not the primary contact, we will send an email to this person to invite them to register as a participant in the application. It is important that they register, or our emails will not be received. We recommend you let them know this.

If these details change, inform us as soon as possible so emails can be redirected.

If this application is successful, the primary contact will also need to nominate an authorised signatory to accept an agreement with the Commonwealth. The primary contact will not be able to accept an agreement unless they invite themselves to be the authorised signatory as well.

- Title (optional)
- Given name
- Family name
- Phone number
- Email address
- Relationship to applicant

Authorised signatory

- Title (optional)
- Given name
- Family name
- Phone number
- Email address

E. About your organisation

We collect the following data from all applicants. We use this data to better understand your organisation and to help us develop better policies and programs.

E.1. ANZSIC code

Provide the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification ([ANZSIC](#)) details for your organisation from a drop-down menu:

- your organisation's main revenue earning ANZSIC division.
- your organisation's main revenue earning ANZSIC class.

E.2. Indigenous organisations

Is your organisation Indigenous owned?

An organisation is considered Indigenous owned where at least 51% of the organisation's members or proprietors are Indigenous.

Is your organisation Indigenous controlled?

An organisation is considered Indigenous controlled where at least 51% of the organisation's board or management committee is Indigenous.

F. Project information

On this page you must provide the detailed information about your proposed project.

If your application is successful, we will publish some grant details on [GrantConnect](#) and other government publications. Published details include:

- *name of the grant recipient*
- *a project title*
- *a brief project description and its intended outcome*
- *amount of grant funding awarded.*

F.1. Project title and description

Provide a project title.

Your project title should be the name of the event, activity or competition you are planning to participate in.

Your response is limited to 75 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Provide a brief project description for publication.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Ensure your project description focuses on your project's key activities and outcomes. Outline what it is you are going to do and how it will benefit students and STEM in Australia.

F.2. Detailed project description and key activities

This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.

Provide a detailed description of your project including the project scope and key activities.

Your response is limited to 5000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

F.3. Project outcomes

This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.

Provide a summary of the expected project outcomes.

Your response is limited to 5000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Provide the following details regarding the student or group or students that you are applying for funding on the behalf of.

- School name
- URL link to school profile page on the MySchool website (www.myschool.edu.au)
- School [Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage \(ICSEA\)](#) value

*For more information on ICSEA values and to find the ICSEA value for a school, please see www.myschool.edu.au. If the ICSEA value is **1000 or below**, you are not eligible for Stream 2 and must start a new application to select **Stream 1** of this grant opportunity.*

- School code (optional)

If you have a school code, as provided by your state/territory registration authority, please enter it here.

F.4. Project duration

Your project start date cannot be earlier than the date your application is submitted.

Your project must be completed within twelve months of submitting your application and within four weeks following the STEM event, activity or competition.

The start and end dates you enter here will drive the visible financial years in the project budget on the next page.

The project length will be calculated by the start and end dates you enter.

- Estimated project start date
- Estimated project end date
- Estimated project duration (in months)

F.5. Event Details

The event must take place within twelve months of the application being submitted.

- Event title

Your response is limited to 100 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

- Description

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

- Estimated start date
- Estimated end date
- Will the event take place in Australia or overseas?

F.6. Project statistics

Please complete the following questions for statistical purposes.

- Which of the following best describes the type of event the student/s will participate in:
 - STEM challenges and competitions
 - STEM experience programs
 - STEM conferences and festivals
 - Residential STEM programs
 - Excursions to STEM venues
 - Other – Please specify

- Which field/s of STEM best describes the event's focus? (please tick any that apply)
 - Agricultural and environmental science
 - Astronomy
 - Biology

- Chemistry
- Engineering
- First Nations science
- Geology and earth science
- Material sciences and nanotechnology
- Mathematics
- Medicine and health sciences
- Physics
- Robotics
- Social sciences and humanities
- Technological and computer science
- Other – please specify

- Which of the following best describes how the student/s will participate in the event:
 - in-person
 - virtually
 - virtually but with some elements in-person

- Where will the event take place?
If the event occurs virtually, please indicate the location from which the event will be run by event organisers.
 - ACT
 - NSW
 - NT
 - QLD
 - SA
 - TAS
 - VIC
 - WA
 - New Zealand
 - Asia – Please specify the country
 - Europe – Please specify the country
 - North America – Please specify the country
 - South America – Please specify the country
 - Africa – Please specify the country
 - Other – Please specify

- For events held in Australia, select the geographical classification of where the event will take place.

If the event occurs virtually, please indicate the location from which the event will be run by event organisers.

How do I find the geographical classification of a location?

For assistance in determining the geographical classification of the event location, please use the ABS Maps 2021 Remoteness Area boundary on the [Australian Bureau of Statistics website](#).

- Metropolitan (Major City)
 - Regional (Inner and Outer Regional)
 - Remote (Remote and Very Remote)
 - Not applicable (event took place overseas)
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- Has your organisation participated in this event before?
 - Yes
 - No

F.7. Project location

You must provide the address where your project will be undertaken and the estimated percentage of project value expected to be undertaken at that site. If you have multiple sites you must add the address of each site.

A project location must be a street address. Do not provide a postal address, institution or building name.

- Project site address
- Estimated percentage of project value expected to be undertaken at site

F.8. Disclosure of financial penalties

Have any of your board members, management or persons of authority been subject to any pecuniary penalty, whether civil, criminal or administrative, imposed by a Commonwealth, state, or territory court or a Commonwealth, state, or territory entity?

If yes, provide details of the penalty.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

F.9. Foreign affiliations

Does your project receive any funding or non-financial support from a foreign source?

If yes, provide details of the foreign financial support.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Do any entities or key personnel involved with the project receive financial support or benefits from a foreign source?

If yes, provide details of the arrangement.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Do any entities or key personnel involved with the project have any current or former association with a foreign talent program?

If yes, provide details of the foreign talent program.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

Do any entities or key personnel involved with the project have any ties to a foreign government, military or state-owned enterprise?

If yes, provide details of the affiliations or associations.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

F.10. National security plan

Does your organisation have a plan or framework in place to manage any potential security risks associated with the project and your organisation more broadly?

This includes protecting your organisation from potential national security risks including cyber security threats and the secure handling of data. We may ask for a copy of your plan or framework at a later stage.

G. Project budget

Provide a summary of your eligible project expenditure over the life of the project.

If you are registered for GST, enter the GST exclusive amount. If you are not registered for GST, enter the GST inclusive amount. We only provide grant funding based on eligible expenditure. Refer to the guidelines for guidance on eligible expenditure.

The financial years below are derived from the project start and end dates you entered on the previous page. If incorrect, you must ensure all amounts below are zero before going back to the previous page to update your project duration.

The grant amount will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs (grant percentage).

- *The minimum grant amount is \$1,500*
- *The maximum grant amount is \$15,000.*

The maximum grant amount per student is \$2,000 for STEM engagement events, activities or competitions occurring within Australia and \$5,000 for STEM engagement events, activities or competitions requiring international travel.

The budget table only allows for a breakdown of eligible project expenditure up to \$15,000.

G.1. Eligible expenditure

Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Cost
Project expenditure			\$
	Travel		\$
		2024/25	\$
		2025/26	\$
	Event registration or ticket costs		\$
		2024/25	\$
		2025/26	\$
	Materials (for competitions only)		\$
		2024/25	\$
		2025/26	\$
Total			

G.2. Grant amount sought

Enter the grant amount sought. We will add GST to this where applicable.

The minimum grant amount under this grant opportunity is \$1,500.

The maximum grant amount under this grant opportunity is \$15,000.

G.3. Number of Students

Enter the total number of students you are intending to apply for.

Number of Students	#
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H. Collaborators

Attention Government and Unincorporated Schools

You Must select “Add Another” Collaborator if one of the following applies to your school (otherwise your application may be found ineligible if you cannot enter into a grant agreement in your own right):

Government schools in New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania or Western Australia are not legal entities in their own right. If this applies, you must include your Department of Education’s details in the Collaborators section below in order to enter into a grant agreement and meet eligibility requirements.

State	ABN	Entity name
New South Wales	18 246 198 266	NSW Government Schools
South Australia	91 814 239 978	Minister for Education
Tasmania	26 237 631 294	Department of Education Tasmania
Western Australia	69 769 481 770	Department of Education

Please enter your School Principals’ Details under the Collaborator contact section below. This is for NSW, SA and TAS government schools where agreements can be accepted in the online portal by their principals.

You must provide:

- Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Other registration number where applicable
- Business address
- Postal address
- Contact details

I. Bank account details

I.1. Bank account details

If your application is successful we will need to set up a payment process to pay your grant. We need your bank account details to do this. If your application is not successful we will not process these details.

We can only pay grant funding to the applicant organisation, who if successful will be party to a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. You must provide bank account details for this organisation.

For government schools in New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania or Western Australia, you must provide the bank details for your Department of Education. These details can be provided directly by contacting your Department of Education.

I.2. Account details

All payments are in AU\$ and must be made into an account with an Australian financial institution.

Account name

BSB

Account number

I.3. Payment contact

We will send the payment remittance advice to this person. All other notifications are sent to the primary contact whose details you provide on the last page of this application.

Given name

Family name

Email address

Phone number

J. Application finalisation

You must answer the following questions and add any supporting documentation required.

J.1. Conflict of interest

Do you have any perceived or existing conflicts of interest to declare?

Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for further information on your conflict of interest responsibilities.

If yes, describe the perceived or existing conflicts of interest.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

If yes, describe how you anticipate managing this conflict.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

J.2. Additional information

The total of all attachments cannot exceed 20 MB. Filenames should only include letters or numbers and should be fewer than 40 characters.

You should attach additional supporting documentation here. You should only attach documents that we have requested.

Individual files must be smaller than 2.0MB, and be one of the following types: doc, docx, rtf, pdf, xls,xlsx, csv, jpg, jpeg, png, gif.

Filenames should only include letters or numbers and should be fewer than 40 characters.

- Trust deed (where applicable)

Where you have indicated your entity type is a trustee applying on behalf of a trust, you must attach documents showing the relationship of the incorporated trustee to the trust.

J.3. Program feedback

Your responses help us improve the design and delivery of programs. They will not affect the assessment or outcome of this application.

How did you hear about the grant opportunity?

You must select from a drop-down menu.

Did you read the grant opportunity guidelines?

You must select from a drop-down menu.

How useful were the guidelines in completing your application?

We welcome any additional feedback on the guidelines.

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

How satisfied were you with the process of applying for this grant?

You must select from a drop-down menu.

We welcome any additional feedback on the application process

Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.

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K. Declaration

In order to submit your application you will be required to agree to the following declaration.

K.1. Privacy and confidentiality provisions

I acknowledge that this is an Australian Government program and that the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department) will use the information I provide in accordance with the following:

- [Australian Government Data and Digital Strategy](#)
- [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles](#)
- grant opportunity guidelines
- applicable Australian laws.

Accordingly, I understand that the department may share my personal information provided in this application within this department and other government agencies:

- a. for purposes directly related to administering the program, including governance, research and the distribution of funds to successful applicants
- b. to facilitate research, assessment, monitoring and analysis of other programs and activities unless otherwise prohibited by law.

I understand that where I am successful in obtaining a grant, the financial information that I provide for the purposes of payment will be accessible to departmental staff to enable payments to be made through the department's accounts payable software system.

I understand that information that is deemed 'confidential' in accordance with the grant opportunity guidelines may also be shared for a relevant Commonwealth purpose.

The department will publish information on individual grants in the public domain, including on the department's website, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

K.2. Applicant declaration

I declare that I have read and understood the grant opportunity guidelines, including the grant agreement, privacy, confidentiality and disclosure provisions.

I declare that the proposed project outlined in this application and any associated expenditure has been endorsed by the applicant's board/ management committee or person with authority to commit the applicant to this project.

I declare that the applicant will comply with, and require that its subcontractors and independent contractors comply with, all applicable laws.

I declare that the applicant and any project partners are not listed on the [National Redress Scheme](#) list of institutions, where sexual abuse has occurred, that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme.

I declare that the applicant is not named by the [Workplace Gender Equality Agency](#) as an organisation that has not complied with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012*.

I confirm that the applicant, project partners and associated activities are in compliance with current [Australian Government sanctions](#).

I declare that the information contained in this application together with any statement provided is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, complete and not misleading and that I understand that giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

I acknowledge that I may be requested to provide further clarification or documentation to verify the information supplied in this form and that the department may, during the application process, consult with other government agencies, including state and territory government agencies, about the applicant's claims and may also engage external technical or financial advisors to advise on information provided in the application.

I agree to participate in the periodic evaluation of the services undertaken by the department.

I approve the information in this application being communicated to the department in electronic form.

I understand that the applicant is responsible for ensuring that it has met relevant state or territory legislation obligations related to working with children, and that any person that has direct, unsupervised contact with children as part of a project under this grant opportunity, has undertaken and passed, a working with children check, if required under relevant state or territory legislation. The applicant is also responsible for assessing the suitability of people I engage in this project to ensure children are kept safe.

I acknowledge that if the department is satisfied that any statement made in an application is incorrect, incomplete, false or misleading the department may, at its absolute discretion, take appropriate action. I note such action may include excluding an application from further consideration; withdrawing an offer of funding; using the information contained in the application for a fraud investigation that would be consistent with the Australian Government's Investigations Standards and Commonwealth Fraud Control Framework and/or for a grant under management, terminating a grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the grantee including recovering funds already paid.

I declare that I am authorised to submit this form on behalf of the applicant and acknowledge that this is the equivalent of signing this application.

By checking this box I agree to all of the above declarations and confirm all of the above statements to be true