



Sample application form

Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship Round 3

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This document shows the questions included in the online application form for this [program/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.

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.

A red asterisk * indicates a mandatory question. 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.

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 .

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 the 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 and Google Chrome
- 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

If you do not have an ABN we will ask you why you do not have one. You should note the following.

If you are entitled to an ABN and do not provide it to us, we will be required to withhold 47 per cent from any grant awarded. If you intend to apply for an ABN you should do so before starting your application as you cannot update these details in the application form. If you apply for an ABN after you start your application you will need to start again.

A.1. Program selection

You must select from a drop-down menu the program that you are applying for.

- Field 1 select - Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship Round 3
- Field 2 select - Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship Round 3

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

This grant opportunity will run over 2 financial years from 2020-21 to 2021-22.

The grant opportunity was announced under the National Innovation and Science Agenda, and is part of the Australian Government's commitment to Advancing Women in STEM. Up to \$14 million over 10 years is available for the program. For this round, up to \$2 million is available from 2020-21 to 2021-22.

The Women in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and Entrepreneurship program supports investment in gender equity initiatives and aims to eliminate barriers for women's participation in STEM education and careers, and entrepreneurship.

The objectives of the program are

- increase awareness and participation of girls and women in STEM education and careers
- increase awareness and participation of girls and women in other parts of the innovation ecosystem including innovative businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurial activities and careers
- stimulate an increase in the number of women in senior leadership and decision making positions in government, research organisations, industry and businesses.

Round 3 will only support projects that contribute to lasting systemic change by removing barriers for girls and women in these specific focus areas:

in these specific focus areas:

- information technology
- engineering
- intersectionality
- entrepreneurship

The maximum grant amount is \$250,000 and the minimum is \$5,000.

You can only submit one application as the lead applicant per application round.

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.

The application requires a contingency plan to be submitted, outlining a change in delivery method to adhere to COVID-19 social distancing measures and restrictions (e.g. virtual participation and online streaming of events), in the event of COVID-19-related impacts to any part of your proposed project activities. The plan should include associated costs and communication strategies for any impacts from the change of delivery.

You may submit your application at any time up until 5.00pm AEDT on 17 November 2020. 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 [grant opportunity name] grant opportunity.

Questions marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

- Select which type of entity your organisation is. *
 - an entity, incorporated in Australia
 - a publically funded research organisation (PFRO) as defined in section 14 of the grant opportunity guidelines
 - a publically funded research agency (PFRA) as defined in section 14 of the grant opportunity guidelines
 - a government or non-government vocational education and training (VET) provider or technical and further education (TAFE) institution as defined in section 14 of the grant opportunity guidelines
 - an incorporated not for profit organisation

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

- your project **has not** been previously funded through the WISE program, or the same as other previously funded WISE projects? *

You are ineligible to apply for funding for a project that has previously received WISE funding or is the same as other previously WISE funded project.

- Will your project address at least one of the following focus areas? *
 - information technology
 - engineering
 - intersectionality
 - entrepreneurship.
- Will your project be aimed at addressing discrimination against, or inequality for, girls and women in STEM and/or entrepreneurship?*
- Will your project have at least \$5,000 in eligible project expenditure?*
- Can you provide evidence from your board (or chief executive officer or equivalent if there is no board) that the project is supported, and that you can complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding.*
- Do you have a contingency plan that does not involve an increase in grant amount (for example, virtual/online attendance or participation) if required to adhere to COVID-19 restrictions?*

You must answer yes to proceed to 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. Applicant financials

D.1. Latest Financial Year Figures

- Has the applicant existed for a complete financial year?
- If no, enter the number of months completed in the financial year to date.

D.2. Recent trading performance

You must provide the following financial information about the applicant organisation.

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

All amounts must show a whole dollar value e.g. \$1 million should be presented as \$1,000,000. The turnover value must be that of the entity that is making the grant application (the 'applicant'), regardless of whether the entity belongs to a consolidated group for tax purposes.

These fields are mandatory and entering \$0 is acceptable if applicable for your organisation.

- Sales Revenue (Turnover)

Total revenue from the sale of goods and services, as reported in your organisation's Business Activity Statements (BAS).

- Export revenue

Total revenue from export sales, as reported in your organisation's BAS.

- R&D expenditure

Expenditure on research and development, i.e. creative work undertaken on a systematic basis in order to increase the stock of knowledge, including knowledge of man, culture and society, and the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications.

- Taxable income

Taxable income or loss as per the applicant's Business Income Company Tax Return form.

- Number of employees (headcount)

Number of individuals who are entitled to paid leave (sick and holiday), or generate income from managing the business. This should include working proprietors and salaried directors.

- Number of independent contractors (headcount)

Number of individuals engaged by the business under a commercial contract (rather than an employment contract) to provide employee-like services on site.

E. 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.*

E.1. Project title and description

Provide a project title.

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

Provide a brief project description.

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 your organisation.

E.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.

E.3. COVID-19 Contingency plan

This information will be used as part of Assessment Criterion 2 and is expected to be implemented as required.

Provide a detailed description of how your project, or parts of your proposed project activities, would need to change to adhere to any COVID-19 social distancing measures and restrictions.

This could include

- plans for virtual/online attendance or participation
- online streaming of events.

The description should include costs associated with the change in delivery method.

Your response is limited to 5000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting. If your contingency plan exceeds 5,000 characters you may upload supplementary information to your contingency plan as attachments later in the application.

E.4. 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.

E.5. Focus Areas

You must address at least one of the following focus areas in your application

Please select one or more of the following focus areas your project will address:

- information technology (IT)
- engineering
- intersectionality
- entrepreneurship

E.6. Project duration

Your project must be completed in line with the dates provided in the grant opportunity guidelines.

Your project must be completed by 30 April 2022.

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

The project length will be calculated by the start and end dates you enter. Your project can be no longer than 15 months.

E.7. Project milestones

You must breakdown your project into milestones. You should include the key activities occurring at each milestone. The start date of milestone 1 is the expected project start date. The end date of your last milestone activity will be the project end date. You will be required to complete the following fields. You can add 6 milestones.

- Milestone 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

E.8. 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 site 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

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F. Project budget

F.1. Project budget summary

You must provide a summary of your eligible project costs over the life of the project in a table as shown below.

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 minimum project expenditure for this grant opportunity is \$5,000

*You should **not** include contingency costs in the project budget. Costs associated with a change in delivery method if required to adhere to COVID-19 social distancing measures and restrictions should be detailed separate to this budget (in your COVID-19 contingency plan at question G2 or attached separately later in the application).*

Note the number of financial years will be added depending on your project start and end date.

Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Cost
Project expenditure			\$
	Labour		\$
		2020/21	\$
		2021/22	\$
	Labour On-Costs (up to 30% of Labour Costs)		\$
		2020/21	\$
		2021/22	\$
	Contract		\$
		2020/21	\$
		2021/22	\$
	Workshop and event costs		\$
		2020/21	\$
		2021/22	\$
	Travel		\$
		2020/21	\$
		2021/22	\$
	Research costs		\$

Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Cost
		2020/21	\$
		2021/22	\$
	Training		\$
		2020/21	\$
		2021/22	\$
	Other eligible expenditure		\$
		2019/20	\$
		2020/21	\$
Total			

Grant funding requested

You will be asked to enter the amount of grant funding you are requesting. Validations will limit your request to be within the grant opportunity guidelines.

Will there be a cost change if you need to adhere to COVID-19 social distancing measures and restrictions?

[Y/N checkbox]

If you need to change the delivery method of your project describe the impacts to the budget above. If successful, the grant amount awarded cannot be increased so you will need to include how any additional costs will be covered (if applicable).

F.2. Source of funding

In this section you must provide details of how you will fund the project, other than the grant funding sought.

Where you have project partners or collaborators, their contribution will be recorded later in the application.

The total of all sources of funding plus your grant, should be equal to your total project expenditure in the section above.

Your own contribution to the project is also considered a 'source of funding' and must be provided.

You will need to provide the following information for all other sources of funding

- Name of contributor
- Type of contributor

Contributors are divided into the following types

- *Your contribution*
- *Other non-government contribution*
- Value of contribution
- Date due of contribution

- Description

You may need to provide details around whether your contribution is sourced from bank loans, equity or cash flow etc.

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G. Assessment criteria

We will assess your application based on the weighting given to each criterion and against the indicators listed beneath each criterion. We will only consider funding applications that score at least 50 per cent against each criterion as these represent best value for money.

The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide should be commensurate with the project size, complexity and grant amount requested. You should define, quantify and provide evidence to support your answers.

To support your responses you must include mandatory attachments later in the application.

G.1. Assessment criterion 1 (50 points)

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

Benefit to girls' and/or women's participation in STEM and/or entrepreneurship (50 points).

Describe the problem, gap or opportunity your project will address by identifying:

- a. the specific problem, gap or opportunity that you aim to address through your project, justifying how it is different to previous projects. Your project must relate to Australian girls and/or women's participation in STEM and/or entrepreneurship education and careers and specifically address one or more of the following focus areas:
 - IT
 - engineering
 - intersectionality
 - entrepreneurship.
- b. your strategy to ensure the sustainability of your project's outcomes beyond the term of grant funding.
- c. how your project will address one or more of the following:
 - how your project will increase awareness and participation of girls and women in STEM and/or entrepreneurship education and careers, including in schools through to university and the research sector
 - how your project will increase participation of girls and/or women in other parts of the innovation ecosystem including innovative businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurial activities and careers
 - how your project will stimulate an increase in the number of women in senior leadership and decision making positions in government, research organisations, industry and businesses.

G.2. Assessment criterion 2 (30 points)

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

Capacity and capability to deliver the project

Demonstrate your ability to assist girls and women to develop capabilities and resources to succeed in STEM and/or entrepreneurship, including:

- a. your track record and/or experience with managing and delivering similar projects, including examples of previous projects delivered
- b. your access to resources and personnel with relevant expertise and/or qualifications to deliver your project
- c. your organisation's capacity to build and maintain relationships in business and/or educational sectors to deliver your project. Provide evidence of linkages, agreements and/or other support from other organisations relevant to the scale of your intended project
- d. your COVID-19 contingency plan, in the event of COVID-19-related impacts to any part of your proposed project activities.

G.3. Assessment criterion 3 (20 points)

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

Impact of the grant funding on your project

You should demonstrate this by identifying

- a. the likelihood your project would not proceed without the grant
- b. the impact the grant will have on the size, scale or timing of your project
- c. the total additional investment the grant will leverage and explain how this benefits your project.

H. Project partners

You must provide details about your project partners.

For details about project partner contributions refer to the grant opportunity guidelines.

You must attach a letter of support for each project partner. A template for the letter of support is available on business.gov.au.

You must provide

- Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Other registration number where applicable
- Business address
- Postal address
- Contact details
- Details of contribution to the project
- Project partner letter of support attached

Upload the project partner letter of support and include the following details:

- details of the project partner
- an overview of how the project partner will work with the lead organisation and any other project partners in the group to successfully complete the project
- an outline of the relevant experience and/or expertise the project partner will bring to the group
- the roles/responsibilities the project partner will undertake, and the resources it will contribute (if any)
- details of a nominated management level contact officer.

I. Application finalisation

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

I.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 and how you anticipate managing them.

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

I.2. Program feedback

How did you hear about the grant opportunity?

You may select from a drop-down menu.

I.3. Supporting documentation

You must attach the following supporting documentation.

- Trust deed (where applicable)

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

- Evidence of support from the board, CEO or equivalent

You must provide evidence from your board (or chief executive officer or equivalent if there is no board) that your project is supported and that you can complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding.

- Evidence of support from project partner organisations (if applicable)

Provide evidence of linkages, agreements and/or other support from other organisations relevant to the scale of your intended project.

- Any supplementary information to your COVID-19 contingency plan (for COVID-19 social distancing measures and restrictions)

A contingency plan outlining a change in delivery method to adhere to COVID-19 social distancing measures and restrictions (e.g. virtual tours and online streaming of events), in the event of COVID-19-related impacts to any part of your proposed project activities. The plan should include associated costs and communication strategies for any impacts from the change of delivery.

I.4. Your ANZSIC code

Provide from a drop-down menu:

- your organisation's main revenue earning division under the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification ([ANZSIC](#)).
- your organisation's main revenue earning class under the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification ([ANZSIC](#)).

I.5. Indigenous organisation

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.

J. Primary contact page

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

- Given name
- Family name
- Position title
- Email address

- Phone number
- Mobile number
- Primary address

K. Application 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, Energy and Resources (the department) will use the information I provide in accordance with the following:

- [Australian Government Public Data Policy Statement](#)
- [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines](#)
- 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 [program/grant opportunity] guidelines, including the 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 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 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 [program/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 acknowledge that this application comprises an offer to enter into a legally binding agreement with the Commonwealth. If this application is successful, the Commonwealth may accept this offer by sending me a letter of approval with annexed Grant Terms and Conditions a copy of which is available on [business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au). On receipt of this letter, I will immediately be bound by a legally binding agreement comprising:

- this application
- the grant opportunity guidelines in place at the time I submitted the application form
- the letter and annexed Grant Terms and Conditions.

I declare that I am authorised to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth on behalf of the applicant.

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

I declare that I am authorised to complete this form and acknowledge that by including my name in this application I am deemed to have signed this application.

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