



Inspiring Tasmania Community STEM Grants

Application Guidelines

The Inspiring Tasmania Connections Program aims to increase awareness, participation and positive association with STEM in groups historically under-represented in STEM* through community engagement.

Inspiring Tasmania Community STEM Grants are available to support building capacity, programs, initiatives, and activities that raise the profile and provide engagement with the sciences in Tasmania.

Grants are available for organisations or community groups from \$2,500 to \$7,500 for STEM Engagement activities and initiatives in Tasmania.

Objectives

The Inspiring Tasmania program contributes to a vision for an Australian society engaged in and enriched by science. Through direct community engagement, building influential networks and targeted application of resources, the Targeted Science Communication grant program aims to increase awareness, participation and positive association with STEM in groups historically under-represented in STEM* and supports capacity building in the Tasmanian STEM ecosystem.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a grant, you can be:

- a community group, association, or organisation
- a business, industry body or local government organisation
- state government department or agency with a community focus (e.g. libraries)

Eligible costs

Grants will be available from \$2500 - \$7500.

Eligible costs will include:

- Venue hire and event costs
- Marketing or advertising, including printing and collateral
- Transport/accommodation associated with the project
- Show bags and give aways
- Equipment
- Staff costs. This includes staff costs for activity or program development or delivery. Staff costs will be capped at 20% of total grant amount. Staff costs must be identified in detail in the budget including hourly rates and number of hours per task/activity.

Ineligible Costs include:

- Business As Usual costs
- Staff cost for administering the grant or writing the grant or grant reporting
- Projects or events that take place during 12-20th August 2023

Eligible Programs/Initiatives/Activities

Funded programs, initiative and activities may include, but are not limited to, applications for the following types of STEM engagement:

- STEM clubs or groups
- hands-on science workshops or field activities
- science fairs, expos, shows or exhibitions
- science through the arts activities
- interactive online events, podcasts, videos, or virtual tours
- presentations, demonstrations, lectures, or webinar
- citizen science activities
- build organisational capacity in STEM, for example through professional development
- school initiatives open to the wider community that are not for the exclusive or primary benefit of a school or its enrolled students.

Assessment Criteria

- Demonstrate engagement with groups historically underrepresented in STEM* to increase awareness, participation and positive association with STEM
- Build capacity in the Tasmanian STEM ecosystem
- Activity or event must fall outside the dates of 12-20th August 2023

Grant funds must be fully expended by 31st December 2023.

Applicants can apply for multiple Inspiring Tasmania Connections Communication STEM Grants.

Grant applicants must be able to provide a valid tax invoice (ABN required) to receive funds.

Grant applicants must be able to acknowledge this grant funding by including the Inspiring Australia [logo](#) on all promotional materials.

Assessment process

Grant application round will open on Monday 31st July and close 5pm Friday 25th August.

The Managers of Inspiring Australia (Tasmania) will assess all applications against the eligibility criteria and determine eligibility. Eligible applicants will be assessed by a Grant Assessment Subcommittee of the Inspiring Australia – Tasmania Reference Group. The assessors will identify any potential or actual conflicts of interest before applications are assessed – these issues will be managed accordingly. The Grants Subcommittee will assess the applications against the selection criteria and rank projects accordingly. Based on the project ranking, the Grants Subcommittee will determine which projects are offered partial or full funding.

Selection will be based on the written information provided by the applicant. In some instances, the assessors may request further information before making its final decision.

The assessors will consider:

- Whether the activity is consistent with the program objectives and assessment criteria.
- Capacity to engage Tasmanian audiences in one or more aspects of the sciences.
- Capacity to engage with groups historically under-represented in STEM*.
- Demonstration of innovative, engaging or proven effective methods of science communication.
- Submitted budget included with the application.

Requirements for Grant Application

- Each grant application must comprise of a fully completed grant application form.
- Each grant application must meet the criteria.
- Funded activities must be undertaken in Tasmania before the date of 31 December 2023.
- An evaluation report will be required within 4 weeks of the completion of the activity. The evaluation will include details of the activity, itemised expenditure of funds, audience numbers and reach (if appropriate), and the success in meeting the assessment criteria.

If you have any questions about these grants, please contact inspiring.tasmania@utas.edu.au

* Groups historically underrepresented in STEM are defined under the National School Reform Agreement and Advancing Women in STEM strategy to include:

- First Nations people
 - Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) people
 - women and girls
 - people living in regional and remote areas
 - people with disability
 - people from low socio-economic backgrounds
 - neurodiverse people
 - LGBTIAQ+ people
 - people who face age-based discrimination
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Application

How to apply

- Read the guidelines carefully.
- If you have any questions, please contact inspiring.tasmania@utas.edu.au
- Fill in the application form available at <https://inspiringtas.org.au/grants/>.
- Submit the application form along with a detailed budget.
- Complete and submit the application by 5pm Friday 25 August 2023.

You will be contacted by 15 September 2023 if your application is successful.