



national science week 2023

GUIDELINES

2023 NSW National Science Week grant funding

The NSW Executive Committee for National Science Week and Inspiring Australia seeks applications from NSW event providers to deliver innovative in person, online or hybrid events and activities that can be delivered as part of National Science Week from 12 – 20 August 2023.

The purpose of this funding is to connect community members with science and technology, including in regional communities, and to enable community presenters to develop interactive science events and activities for the general public.

Where possible, we encourage applicants to collaborate with NSW Regional Science Hubs (See current [list](#)) as well as other local event providers that have well established audiences e.g. libraries and regional museums and galleries.

Projects can start before 12 August or continue after 20 August, but there must be a major project component presented during the week 12 to 20 August.

SELECTION CRITERIA

National Science Week in person, online and hybrid events and activities must meet at least two of the following criteria:

- Inspire people to pursue an interest or aptitude in science.
- Encourage local community participation and ongoing engagement in science.
- Provide diversity and inclusion in programming and audience reach.
- Celebrate Australian science achievements and knowledge.
- Provide opportunities for early and mid-career scientists and researchers to present.
- Expand existing STEM networks and partnership opportunities.

Funding allocations will be decided on merit and the applicant's ability to meet the selection criteria.

FUNDING AMOUNTS

Applicants that meet the selection criteria can apply for funds of \$2,000 to \$5,000 to support the delivery of National Science Week activities.

AUDIENCE and PARTNERS

We are especially interested in receiving proposals that show evidence of community building and collaboration to boost engagement with STEM, and we welcome innovative ideas for engaging community members that may not ordinarily engage with science and technology.

Underrepresented groups could include people from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds, people living in regional, rural or remote areas, people living with disability, and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples.

ELIGIBILITY

This funding is not intended to support projects developing teaching resources, curriculum materials or targeting school students. [See Science Teachers Association for grants to Schools for National Science Week.](#)

Applicants may include but are not limited to:

- Scientists and freelance producers working with community groups
- Local government (e.g., Councils, libraries, youth, and family services)
- Business associations and chambers of commerce
- Specialist interest groups, local clubs, and societies (e.g., Astronomy Clubs, Landcare, Friends of Botanical Gardens)
- Arts and community organisations
- Research institutions and networks, and education providers (not schools, as above)

Initiatives that are collaborative, involve multiple partners and attract other sources of funding towards proposed activity will be highly regarded.

EXPENDITURE

Grants can be used for:

- External venue, equipment hire, AV and production costs
- Consumable materials used during the activity
- External presenter/speaker/artist fees and travel
- Communications, including social media campaigns and publicity
- Costs associated with a change in delivery method (e.g., switching to virtual tours and online streaming of events), if required

Grants funds cannot be used for:

- General administration of an organisation or company, including salaries
- Infrastructure and support costs associated with other ongoing activities
- Internal charges such as venue hire
- Teaching resources and curriculum development materials
- Activities of a solely commercial nature
- Research projects, including surveys
- Conferences, symposium, or meetings
- Hospitality or catering

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND REPORTING

All successful grants applicants will be asked to sign an agreement. They will be obliged to keep the Inspiring NSW office up to date with their event planning and progress, acknowledge Inspiring NSW on promotional material, and report back to Inspiring NSW in a timely manner after National Science Week, with documentation of the grant activity and key data on audiences and impact.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5.00PM FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2023

Payment of the grant will be made upon receipt of a valid tax invoice and a signed agreement, and once event details are submitted to the National Science Week event calendar by early July 2023.

Questions and requests for further information can be directed to:

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