

Perform your Science

Perform your Science Grant Information Guide 2018

Invitation

Interested parties are invited to submit an application to the *Inspiring South Australia* program at the SA Museum for funding to develop & perform a *Perform your Science* project during National Science Week 2018.

Background

Inspiring South Australia is about strengthening our society's engagement with science & improving science literacy. We are always looking for new ways to tell the stories of science & we have a special interest in reaching new audiences in innovative ways.

There are many wonderful stories to be told about the scientific research & discoveries in our own backyard. Science-based research & discovery is taking place in every corner of our state, often unrecognised, uncelebrated & invisible to local communities.

This project is designed to assist PhD students & early career researchers to tell their stories of science in new & creative ways.

Grant applications

Applications are sought from eligible applicants for special funding of up to \$2,000 for the development & production of a performance-based science communication project.

We invite applications from PhD students who are in their third year of study through to early career researchers (post-conferral of up to five years) based in South Australian universities, research institutes or industry.

Ten grants of up to \$2000 each will be available to selected candidates to assist with performance development costs.

Grants can be used for any purpose associated with development of the performance project (a brief financial report will be required).

General production costs for the live performance (venue, basic lighting, audio) will be covered by *Inspiring South Australia*. These will be negotiated with successful applicants.

Guidelines

- The *Perform your Science* project is to be developed during 2018 & performed in Adelaide during National Science Week 2018 (venue & date TBC)
- The performance should tell the science story that is the subject of the applicant's current PhD or the subject of their early career research, whether individually or as part of a team.
- All performances should be suitable for general family audiences who are not necessarily familiar with science.
- Each live performance should be of up to five minutes duration & may include any one or a combination of the following: dance, music, theatre, puppetry, circus, other live performance art forms.
- As this is a live performance, screens are only to be used as background/enhancement to what is happening live on stage.

- *Perform your Science* encourages collaboration & teamwork. Applicants are urged to seek scientific &/or artistic collaborations & engage with partners to make the performance creative & interesting.
- Applicants should take a lead role in the project. This may include direction, production, on-stage performance etc.
- Potential project partners & collaborators may include: research teams, peers & colleagues, arts organisations, theatre groups (including youth theatre), university drama/music/dance/arts units, musicians.
- Advisory support will be available through *Inspiring South Australia* throughout the project.
- Promotion of this project should always include *Inspiring South Australia* branding.
- A short report, including financial statement, will be required once the project has concluded.
- Note that final performances may also be recorded on You Tube to be publicly available through the Inspiring SA website: www.inspiringsa.org.au

Awards

While this is first & foremost a story-telling project designed to elicit new & creative ways of telling the stories of our science & research, there will be a competitive element & the winning performance will be judged by an expert panel including science & arts specialists. There will also be a People's Choice Award.

Awards will consist of monetary prizes of \$2000 to the Winner & \$1000 to both the



Runner Up & to the Winner of the People's Choice Award.

Submission Process

Expressions of Interest are due by COB 23rd February 2018. Successful applicants will then be invited to make a more detailed Application.

Detailed Applications are due by COB 23rd March 2018. Successful applicants will be notified in early April 2018.

Please submit your completed Application *pro forma* via email to the Contact Officer.

Perform your Science Application *pro forma*, available here:

<https://inspiringsa.org.au/perform-your-science/>

Contact

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Background Information: Inspiring South Australia

The *Inspiring South Australia* program is supported by the Australian Government through the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, the South Australian Department of State Development, the University of Adelaide, the University of South Australia, Flinders University and the South Australian Museum.

The central theme of *Inspiring South Australia* is to foster a society that critically engages with, and is literate in, key scientific issues.

For more information please visit: www.inspiringsa.org.au