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Perform your Science

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Tell the story of your science research through the arts: an invitation to PhD researchers and early career scientists

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

In this project we are offering PhD students and early career researchers an opportunity to tell the story of their scientific research through the arts, to bring their science to life through live performance and to awaken the artist within!

The project will culminate in a series of live performances suitable for a general community audience to be held in an Adelaide theatre venue during National Science Week in August 2018.

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.

Each live performance should be of up to five minutes in duration. It may include any one or a combination of the following:

- Dance
- Music
- Theatre
- Puppetry
- Circus
- Other performance art forms

As this is to be a live performance, screens are only to be used as background/enhancement to what is happening live on stage.

Note that performances may also be recorded and uploaded onto YouTube to be publicly available and shared through the Inspiring SA website www.inspiringsa.org.au

Grants

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

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

Perform your Science encourages collaboration. Applicants are urged to seek scientific and/or artistic collaborations and engage with partners to bring as much creativity to the project as possible.

Applicants should take a lead role in the project. This may include direction, production, on-stage performance etc.

A list of possible project partners and collaborators may include:

- Research teams
- Peers and colleagues
- Arts organisations
- Theatre groups including youth theatre groups
- University drama/music/dance/arts units
- Musicians

While this is first and foremost a story-telling project designed to elicit creative ways of telling the stories of local science and research, there will be a competitive element and the winning performance will be judged by an expert panel including science and arts specialists. There will also be a People's Choice Award. Awards will consist of prizes of \$2000 to the Winner and \$1000 to both the Runner Up and to the Winner of the People's Choice Award.

Expression of Interest

Please send an initial Expression of Interest via email to Sheryn Pitman at sheryn.pitman@sa.gov.au by 23rd February 2018.

The initial Expression of Interest should include:

- Subject line: **Perform your Science Expression of Interest**
- Your current affiliation
- 100 word biography
- 100 word description of your current area of research
- ~100 word description of your proposed activity including potential collaborative partners

Based on information provided in the Expression of Interest, Inspiring SA will then invite selected applicants to submit a more detailed application. Detailed applications will be due by 23rd March and successful applicants will be notified in early April. Project development support and advice will be provided to successful applicants.

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