Arts and Science Grants 2023



The grant

The grant aims to support the arts and science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine (STEMM) coming together to tell locally relevant STEMM related stories and/or to explore locally relevant STEMM related issues.

Inspiring SA is inviting applications for funding to develop and produce *collaborative* arts and science events and activities for delivery in South Australia. Science not only includes traditional academic models of science but also includes, but is not limited to, technology, engineering, maths and medicine and First Nations knowledges. The event or activity must be a collaboration of at least two organisations, including at least one STEMM and one arts organisation or individual practitioner.

The outcome(s) may take the form of a performance or series of performances, visual arts, film, augmented reality, virtual reality, gaming, photography, music or an installation or a combination of more than one.

The performance, exhibition, showing, screening or installation can be ticketed at prices agreed with the Inspiring SA Program Manager and in line with the agreed budget.

Projects that have already applied for an Inspiring SA grant round in 2023 will not be eligible for this grant round but organisations are welcome to apply for more than one grant for different projects.

PLEASE NOTE: The project must be delivered and completed by 31st December 2023.

Purpose of the grant:

This grant round is looking for collaborations between science, technology, engineering, maths, medicine and the arts to support the telling of stories, sharing new ideas and exploring of current issues.

Grants are available for events and activities which provide South Australians with opportunities to:

- Learn about, connect with and get excited about science, technology, engineering, maths, and medicine (STEMM)
- Be inspired to pursue study and/or a career in STEMM
- Learn about South Australian science achievements and knowledge
- Encourage diversity and inclusion in STEMM engagement, education, careers or industry
- Engage with currently underrepresented audiences in STEMM such as girls and women, disabled people and culturally and linguistically diverse people

Grant amount available:

Up to \$7,000

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Key Dates

Applications open	Monday 22 May 2023
Application close	9am Monday 26 June 2023
All applicants notifies	Monday 10 July 2023
Successful applicants submit valid tax invoice	Monday 28 July 2023
Project or event delivered	Sunday 31 December 2023
Post event report and evaluation submitted	Friday 29 January 2024

How to apply

Complete the Grant Application Form and email the form to Alison Kershaw, Inspiring SA Program Manager at alison.kershaw@samuseum.sa.gov.au by **9am Monday 26 June 2023**.

To give your application the best chance of success please make sure your project or event meets the essential criteria and as many desirable criteria as possible. All question must be answered completely.

About your project:

- The project must be a science engagement or science communication project
- The project could be a pilot of a future long term project
- The project could be a starting point which may grow into larger long term project
- The lead organisation of the collaboration is required to have public liability insurance and an ABN

Who can apply for a grant?

STEMM organisations could include public or private research organisations (such as industry, universities, government), science/research centres and education (such as universities and schools). Arts based organisations/practitioners could include art schools, cultural institutions, galleries, theatre/dance/music/literature groups, cultural centres, film (including AR and VR), animation, gaming and photography.

The lead organisation will be required to have public liability insurance and an ABN.

Ineligible projects or events:

- Initiatives designed to take place during National Science Week (August)
- School based projects only for school students this grant round is designed as a broader science engagements, schools may apply if the grant will be used for broader community engagement
- Activities, events or programs occurring outside of South Australia
- Applications seeking reimbursement of funds already spent
- Requests for training and development of paid staff
- Attendance to conferences, tradeshows or award ceremonies

How the grant is assessed:

The Grant Assessment Panel consists of suitably qualified two independent members (they or their organisations has not applied for a grant) and the Inspiring SA Program Manager.

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To be eligible for assessment the grant application must meet all of the essential criteria. The grant will then be scored according to the desirable and assessment criteria.

If you're not sure whether you meet the criteria, please don't hesitate to get in touch and ask, Alison Kershaw, Inspiring SA Program Manager at alison.kershaw@samuseum.sa.gov.au.

Inspiring SA can only support a limited number of applications each year. Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee a grant. The applications the Grant Assessment Panel believe will provide the greatest impact for the funding required will be successful.

Essential criteria - to be considered for a grant you application must meet these criteria:

- The activity or event is a collaboration between at least one STEMM organisation and one arts organisation or practitioner
- Tell a locally relevant story or explore locally relevant issues through at least one art form
- Projects provide an opportunity for participants to learn about, connect with or get excited about STEMM ideas and concepts, or research or current industries or educational opportunities or employment and enjoyment
- Projects that engage underrepresented groups in STEMM such as girls and women, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ communities, low socio-economic communities, regional and remote communities and culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Not a registered National Science Week activity or delivered during National Science Week, 12-20
 August 2023
- Not be only for school students. Schools may apply if the project is designed for participation by the general public
- Not a project that will have already happened by the time the grant is awarded

Assessment criteria

- A clear description of the project has been provided
- The STEMM content is clearly explained and scientifically accurate
- Innovative project content, design or delivery
- Resources (eg handouts) or a recording (audio or video) will be available online post the project
- The quality of the aims and objectives of the project
- The quality of the proposed outcomes and outputs of the project
- The audience size is proportionate to the size of the grant
- The quality and clarity of the marketing and promotion plan
- The budget is clear and projected expenditure appears accurate

Successful grant application requirements:

- Submit a signed grant agreement and an invoice with 3 weeks of being notified of successful application
- Include Inspiring SA logo in all promotional material
- Acknowledge Inspiring SA as a sponsor at any live events or in any recordings

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- Provide timely information and materials about the project to the Inspiring SA Program Manager for inclusion in Inspiring SA newsletter and social media
- Include questions supplied by Inspiring SA in the project evaluation

Post event reporting and evaluation

- Inspiring SA will provide some questions to include in your project evaluation
- A reporting template will be provided, and you will be required to provide details of project, how the grant fund were spent, the audience, audience feedback and evaluation and lesson learned from the project. This will be due by one month post the delivery of project.