



South Australian Community Grants Guidelines

National Science Week is a program of Inspiring Australia, a national strategy for getting Australians engaged with science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine (STEMM) and is an initiative of the Australian Government.

National Science Week 12-20 August 2023 www.scienceweek.net.au

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of STEMM. Running each year in August, it features more than 1000 events around Australia, including those delivered by universities, schools, research institutions, libraries, museums, and science centres.

Grants available

\$2500 for events and activities in metropolitan Adelaide

\$3000 for events and activities in regional and remote areas

Purpose of the grant

- To harness curiosity or broaden scientific literacy
- Create a personal connection through experiences
- Encourage an interest in participation in STEMM related pursuits (hobbies, study and careers)
- Engage groups currently underrepresented in STEMM

Who can apply for a grant?

The Grants are open to any sole trader, community group, organisation, business, industry body or university.

Event or activity producers/hosts must have their own public liability insurance cover.

Schools are unable to apply for the Grants, however there are grants available through ASTA.

Target audiences for the grant

The Grants are primarily for activities and events for the general public, but activities and events may also be for STEMM related businesses.

Preference for grants will be given to projects targeting groups currently underrepresented in STEMM, including, but not limited to:

- Girls and women
- People with disabilities
- Regional and remote communities
- People who are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse

If your event is focused solely on careers, consider if you might better achieve your objective by participating in the STEM Day Out, Friday 4th August at [Science Alive](#), for students from Years 7 to 12, with over 5,000 students participating each year.

Types of events and activities eligible for a grant

You are encouraged to consider innovative ways from bring STEMM to new audiences. The types of events and activities may include but is not limited to:

- hands-on science workshops or field activities
- science fairs, expos, shows or exhibitions
- science through the arts activities
- interactive online events
- podcasts
- video productions
- virtual tours
- webinars
- citizen science activities
- digital storytelling
- content creation
- live streaming of presentations and lectures
- performances

Funds may be used for direct project delivery. For example:

- resources and materials related to the event
- hire of equipment such as AV equipment
- presenter / speaker / creator fees and their travel
- paid advertising, up to 10% of the grant amount, this may include printing flyers or paid social media advertising

Ineligible activities for a grant

The funding may not be used for the following:

- participation in Science Alive
- research projects
- conferences – delivery or attendance
- curriculum development
- permanent infrastructure
- surveys
- teacher training

- catering or supply of refreshments for audiences at the funded event
- payment of wages or salaries of your organisation's staff
- software development
- overnight sleepovers

Grant criteria

All grants will be assessed against the following criteria.

The event must be in August 2023

Does the event or activity do any of the following?

- harness curiosity or broaden scientific literacy
- encourage or support participation in STEMM
- encourage an interest in participation in STEMM related pursuits (hobbies, study, and careers)
- engage underrepresented groups
- promote diversity and inclusion in STEMM

Does the application?

- have a clear description of the event or activity
- is the grant appropriate for the number of participants/audience size?
- are the aim/objectives/outcome of the event or activity clear?
- is there a clear promotion and marketing plan?
- is the budget clear and does the projected expenditure appear accurate?

An evaluation report will be provided and must be submitted within 8 weeks of the completion of the event or activity.

Selection Process

All applications will be assessed by members of the SA National Science Week Coordinating Committee.

More applications than can be funded so some applications may receive partial funding to enable the committee to support more projects.

All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

If you have any questions about the grants and the application process, please contact:

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**Send completed applications to inspiringsa@sa.gov.au
by 5pm Wednesday 17th May 2023**