



National Science Week 2022

Queensland Seed Grants

The Queensland National Science Week Coordinating Committee is offering grants **up to \$5,000** for activities delivered during or close to National Science Week: **13-21 August 2022**.

The purpose of these grants is to increase community engagement with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) based activities during National Science Week in Queensland.

Initiatives that build science capability, engagement, and networks in the regions will be highly regarded. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to collaborate with existing local organisations, including [STEM Hubs](#).

Grant funding is available for up to \$5,000 per applicant (number of awarded grants may vary based on available funding).

Guidelines

Eligibility

- Individual applicants must be an over 18 years of age or older.
- Business or group applicants must provide a nominated applicant lead and/or contact person.

To be eligible your project should be a science-related activity that will be conducted in Queensland during National Science Week 2022, or where appropriate, in the week before or after National Science Week 2022. These events can be online, in-person or hybrid events. All in-person event proposals will need to include references to COVID-19 considerations and contingency plans.

The Committee is seeking to encourage new initiatives and therefore your event should not have been funded by Queensland National Science Week Seed Grants in previous rounds.

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed on how well activities are designed to achieve the objectives of National Science Week, and how well the objectives and key criteria below are addressed.

Events must meet at least **two** of the following objectives:

- Inspire young people to pursue an interest or aptitude in STEM
- Extend networks and partnership opportunities
- Encourage community participation and feedback
- Encourage diversity and inclusion in programming
- Share Australian science achievements and knowledge



Applications are required to include information on each of the key criteria listed below:

- **Locations** - Virtual, or physically located STEM activities. Preference is given to events in locations where STEM events aren't normally on offer or easily accessible.
- **Target audiences*** - initiatives designed to engage a wide and diverse audience, particularly those with less exposure to STEM; or events aimed at the wider community, rather than a single organisation.
- **Planning** - how you will achieve your objectives.
- **Engaging audiences** - how you will reach your target audience and promote the event or activity.
- **Potential impact and value for money** - preference will be given to initiatives that show consideration for potential longer-term tangible benefits. For example, pilot events which can be run again used as a stepping-stone for future events, or links with business or community initiatives.
- **Collaboration** – where applicable, please provide details of any collaboration with existing local organisations, including STEM Hubs.

**Events held solely for individual school communities are not eligible – instead see the [National Science Week school grants](#).*

Key dates for 2022

- Applications open from Monday 28 February 2022
- Applications close at 3:00 pm AEST, Monday 28 March 2022
- Grants recipients announced mid-May 2022

Grant Requirements

All applicants will be notified of outcomes by email in May. At this time instructions will be sent on how to access your funds as well as the grant requirements, which include:

- Registering your event on the National Science Week website to unlock free training and promotion www.scienceweek.net.au/event-holder-registration/
- Register your event on the Inspiring Australia Queensland for promotional purposes <https://www.inspiringqld.com.au/submit-an-event>
- Acknowledging that funding is from **Inspiring Australia Queensland** and use the National Science Week and Inspiring Australia logos in event promotion. These are available for download at <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/get-involved/>
- Promoting your science week activity through social media
- Creating a Facebook event for your activity and add www.facebook.com/QldNSWk as co-host
- Delivering your project as per your application, during the month of August 2022.
- Attend two meetings during the year to update the committee on the progress of your event and share tips and advice with other grant recipients.
- Providing an acquittal of funds within one month of the event date. *Please note that if a recipient becomes aware they are unable to complete the project as approved in their application they must notify carolyn.cooke@csiro.au immediately and return any unexpended funds.*



In addition, all grant recipients will be required to collect evaluation data from their events. This will include information on numbers of attendees, details of marketing avenues, numbers of event volunteers/staff and any feedback and images from the day.

Examples of successfully funded events

For inspiration, you may want to look at some of the successful events from previous years:

- [Stem with Style](#)
- [Switch on to Science](#)
- [The Queensland BioQuest](#)
- [National Science Week Great Barrier Reef Celebration and Challenge](#)

You can find a full list of last year's winners at <https://www.inspiringqld.com.au/science-engagement-grants> as well as resources for hosting National Science Week Events.

Any enquiries should be directed to the Inspiring Australia Queensland Manager carolyn.cooke@csiro.au