

Queensland 2026 National Science Week Seed Grants

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the Queensland 2026 National Science Week seed grants will be open from **Monday 2nd March** until **Thursday 2nd April 2026, 5pm (AEST)**. Grants of **\$500** up to **\$4,000** are available.

[National Science Week](#) will be held from 15 to 23 August 2026. The week provides the opportunity for community participation in high profile science engagement activities across Australia.

We are especially interested in receiving proposals that show evidence of community building and collaboration to boost engagement with STEM, and we welcome innovative ideas for engaging community members that may not ordinarily engage with science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics.

Please read this document carefully:

[Qld NSWk Seed Grant EOI Guidelines 2026](#)

and then complete this form.

A preview to the form questions is available:

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. Before continuing, please confirm that you have read the Queensland NSWk Seed Grant Guidelines

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Applicant Details

3. Organisation name and ABN *

4. Authorised contact First Name, Last Name *

5. Contact person's mobile phone number *

6. Contact person's email address *

7. Organisation postal address *

National Science Week activity or event

8. Name of activity/event *

9. Proposed dates for activity/event *

10. Proposed location, please include city/town and postcode *

11. PAST NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITY/EVENT *

Please list briefly any previous National Science Week STEM activity/event you have hosted. Use dot points and website links for past events. (max 500 words)

12. PROPOSED NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITY/EVENT *

Give a brief description of the proposed events/activities. Include main activities, key topics, speakers, participants, venues and date/s. If digital, include online platforms to be used. (max 500 words)

Criteria for National Science Week activities or events

13. Criteria *

National Science Week activities/events must meet at least two of the following criteria. Please select those that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Inspire people to pursue an interest or aptitude in STEM.
- Encourage local community participation and ongoing engagement in STEM.
- Provide diversity and inclusion in programming and audience reach.
- Celebrate Australian scientific/STEM achievement past and present.
- Provide opportunities for scientists and researchers to present to the public.
- Build digital literacy in Australian communities.
- Expand existing STEM networks and partnership opportunities.

Budget

14. Please advise the amount you are applying for *

Mark only one oval.

- \$500
- \$100
- \$1500
- \$2000
- \$2500
- \$3000
- \$3500
- \$4000

- 15. Please provide a draft budget to show you will expend the grant (approx costs and rounding up are acceptable). *

[Example budget template](#)

- 16. If you have partners who are contributing significantly to the activity/event, please list these below. Copies of letters of support from each partner will be required. *

Audience

- 17. **Who is your target audience?** Tick all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- General community
- Seniors
- Families
- Women and girls
- First Nations peoples
- People living with a disability
- People living in regional, rural or remote areas
- Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) people
- LGBTQIA+ people
- Neurodivergent people
- Other: _____

18. [How will you reach these audiences](#)? Please provide a brief summary (dot points) of your communication plan and timeline. (max 500 words) *

19. [Success and Evaluation](#). What will make the event successful for you? How will you measure the success of your event or activity? *

20. **Child Safety**. Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to the [National principles for Child Safe Organisations](#), such as a child safety and wellbeing policy, a child safe code of conduct, risk management strategies or equivalent. *

21. **Risk Assessment and Management.** What is your risk management plan in the event of extreme weather, speaker cancellation, or other circumstances you have identified in your risk assessment. *

Agreement. If you are successful in your grant application, you are obliged to do the following:

1. Send a Tax Invoice to Inspiring Queensland.
2. [Register your activity/event on the National Science Week website](#) as soon as possible and before 1 July 2026.
3. Send Inspiring Queensland details of your activity/event for promotion, including images and registration links.
4. Inform Inspiring Queensland of any major variations to the National Science Week activity.
5. Collect some basic data on audience for an Inspiring Australia Queensland survey.
6. Submit an online form with the results of your activity/event including final program, audience numbers, participants, long term outcomes, and some feedback about your experience.
7. Submit images of your event that capture presenters, activity, and audience.
8. Submit examples of media coverage, social media engagement, and publicity

22. I agree to the requirements (8) listed above *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

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