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EOI
form & questions



Eligibility criteria

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▶ Eligibility criteria

At which of the following universities does the lead researcher hold a substantive employment:

(drop down – in alphabetical order)

- Charles Sturt University
- Monash University
- University of Melbourne
- University of New South Wales
- University of Sydney
- University of Technology Sydney
- University of Wollongong
- Western Sydney University
- Other, please specify...

Expressions of Interest should be submitted via APPI's online portal.

The EOI consists of a web-based form with opportunities to upload supplementary evidence. Draft applications can be saved, allowing you to pause and return later.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm (AEST) Friday 8 May 2026.



16 March - 08 May 2026



Online web-form questionnaire accessed via the APPI Grant Portal.

**Submit your EOI at
apply.appi.org.au**



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Applicant details (lead researcher)

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Section 1 | Applicant details

Title

First name

Last name

University email address

Contact number

Which university are you employed at?

Faculty/ School

Diversity data

The details you provide here will not impact the assessment of your application against the selection criteria. These questions are included to enable APPI to track performance against diversity indicators over time.

Gender

Does the lead researcher identify as
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?Is the lead researcher an early career
researcher?

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Section 1: Applicant details (lead researcher)

Title

First name

Last name

University email address

Contact number

University

Faculty/School

Diversity data

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Gender

Does the lead researcher identify as
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

Is the lead researcher an early career
researcher?

* Note: ECIs are defined as those who have been awarded their last postgraduate degree within the past five years (as at 15 March 2026) or have been awarded their last postgraduate degree together with an allowable period of career interruptions that would be commensurate with an award of their last postgraduate degree within the past five years. Please see the Applicant Guidelines for further information on eligible interruptions.

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Section 2 | Project team

Enter the details for each member of your project team. You can add up to 6 team members. If your team includes more than 6 members, please email grants@appi.org.au.

Team member details

Title

Name

Email address

Contact number

University

Does the team member identify as
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?Is the team member an early career
researcher?**Outline the team member's role on the
project. (max 50 words)****Would you like to add another team
member?**

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Section 2: Project team

Enter the details for each member of your project team. You can add up to 6 team members. If your team includes more than 6 members, please email grants@appi.org.au.

Team member 1

Title

Name

Email address

Contact Number

University

Does the team member identify as
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

Is the team member an early career
researcher?

Outline the team members role on the project (max 50 words).

This value must be between 1 and 50 words.

Would you like to add another team member?

Yes

No

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Sharing permissions

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▶ Section 3 | Sharing permissions

During the grant process, APPI may share details confidentially of selected applications with other potential funders e.g. philanthropists and Government agencies. Tick the box below to give permission for APPI to share details of your project. Note, no contact information will be shared.

I consent to APPI sharing details of my project with selected external parties (tick box)

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Section 3: Sharing permissions

During the grant process, APPI may share details confidentially of selected applications with other potential funders e.g. philanthropists and government agencies. Tick the box below to confirm you are happy for APPI to share details of your project. Note, no contact information will be shared.

I consent to APPI sharing details of my project with selected external parties.

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About the project

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- 1. Which theme(s) does your project relate to:**
 - Securing Australia's domestic supply chains and supporting high-potential industries
 - Breaking cycles of disadvantage and supporting economic dignity
 - Strengthening policy responses to the triple planetary crisis
- 2. What is the title of your proposed project? (max 25 words)**
- 3. Briefly outline your proposed project, summarising its aims and anticipated outcomes, with reference to the public policy challenge it will address. (max 300 words)**
- 4. Outline how your project:**
 - i. relates to a public policy challenge facing governments in Australia (be specific on if your project relates to a state, commonwealth or inter-governmental policy priority).**
 - ii. could positively address that policy challenge and bring benefits to Australia. (max 600 words)**
- 5. Upload evidence that your project will be of interest to policymakers (e.g., a letter of support from government, recommendations of a parliamentary inquiry, excerpts from a recent ministerial speech or government strategy). (max 2 A4 pages)**
- 6. Summarise (a) the project methodology, (b) key activities and (c) project milestones. (max 300 words)**

Refer Uploads must be saved as PDFs. Max upload size is 1000MB.

In your response, identify how and when you will engage with policymakers and other key stakeholders during the project.

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Section 4: About the project

1. Which of the 2026 Policy Challenge themes does your project relate to:

Choice 1
 Choice 2
 Choice 3

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2. What is the title of your proposed project? (max 25 words)

This value must be between 1 and 25 words.

3. Briefly outline your proposed project, summarising its aims, and anticipated outcomes, with reference to the public policy challenge it will address. (max 300 words)

This value must be between 1 and 300 words.

4. Outline how your project:

(i) relates to a public policy challenge facing governments in Australia (be specific on if your project relates to a state, Commonwealth or inter-governmental policy priority).
(ii) could positively address that policy challenge and bring benefits to Australia. (max 600 words)

This value must be between 1 and 600 words.

5. Upload evidence that your project will be of interest to policymakers (e.g., a letter of support from government, recommendations of a parliamentary inquiry, excerpts from a recent ministerial speech or government strategy). (max 2 A4 pages)

Refer to APPI's advice on how to present strong evidence of policymaker interest effectively. Uploads must be saved as PDFs. Max upload size is 1000MB.

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6. Summarise (a) the project methodology (with reference to any previous research and the team's expertise), (b) key activities and (c) project milestones. (max 300 words)

In your response, identify how and when you will engage with policymakers and other key stakeholders during the project.

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7. Beyond the APPI Policy Insights Paper, describe how you plan to communicate your research insights to a policy audience. (max 200 words)

Note: APPI will support you throughout the grant to build relationships with policymakers and to disseminate your work to a policymaker audience. However, we would like to understand what communication methods are most relevant to your project. Examples might include webinars or other public events, roundtables, invite-only policy briefings, op-eds, interviews, a podcast.

8. Do you, or your project team, have existing relationships with relevant policymakers within relevant governments?

If Yes: Describe how you are already engaging with these policymakers. (max 200 words)

9. If relevant, upload references/bibliographic information here.

Note that applications are not required to include references in their applications. However, should applicants include evidence requiring references in their responses, we recommend using in text referencing within responses and uploading full references here.

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This value must be between 1 and 200 words.

8. Do you, or your project team, have existing relationships with relevant policymakers within relevant governments?

Yes

No

[Clear](#)

If Yes: Describe how you are already engaging with these policymakers. (max 200 words)

This value must be between 1 and 200 words.

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Section 5 | Funding

**What is your anticipated overall project budget?
Grant amounts must be between \$25,000 –
\$100,000 (excl. GST).**

Note: If you successfully progress through to the final round of the application process, you will be required to submit a detailed project budget. APPI will notify you if we require this and provide you with a template and supporting guidance.

Have you secured or do you anticipate securing additional funding for this project from another source?

If Yes (Secured):

- How much additional funding do you already have for this project?
- What is the source of this additional funding? (i.e., which institution has provided you with the funding?)
- Are there any conditions tied to your existing funding that might impact your ability to publish a APPI Policy Insights Paper, or to communicate your research findings publicly?
- If Yes: Please outline the conditions associated with your existing funding. (max 200 words)

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Section 5: Funding

What is your anticipated overall project budget? Grant amounts must be between \$25,000 – \$100,000 (excl. GST).*

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Have you secured or do you anticipate securing additional funding for this project from another source?

Yes – secured

Yes – not yet secured

No

Note to applicants:

Once marked as complete, you will have the option to review your application before submitting it.

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If Yes (not yet secured):

- How much additional funding have you sought for this project?
- What is the source of this additional funding? (i.e., from which institution/organisation have you sought the funding?)
- When will you know the outcome of this funding request?
- Is your proposed project conditional on receiving this additional funding?
- Are there any conditions tied to this potential funding, that might have a bearing on your ability to publish a APPI Policy Insights Paper, or to communicate your research findings publicly?
- If Yes: Please outline the conditions associated with your existing funding. (max 200 words)



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FULL APPLICATION

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These questions are only required if your application progresses through to stage 3 of assessment. Applicants will be notified if they are required to complete the full application. Templates will be provided at the time of full application.

SECTION 1: PROJECT TEAM

- If there have been any updates to your project team since submitting the EOI, provide details here. (max 200 words)
- Summarise the experience and expertise of your team to deliver the project. (max 200 words)
- If relevant, please outline the interdisciplinary aspects of your team and project. (max 150 words)

SECTION 2: ABOUT THE PROJECT

- Provide a detailed project plan which describes the project deliverables, key activities, and plans to engage government and other stakeholders. A template will be provided.

Uploads must be saved as PDFs. Max upload size is 1000MB.

- Explain the approach you will use to evaluate the success and policy impact of your research. What measurable changes, stakeholder responses, or policy shifts will indicate that your work has achieved meaningful impact? (max 300 words)
- If your project involves data collection or sensitive information, outline your approach to ethics approval and data management. (max 150 words)
- If your project uses AI, outline details of system deployment, and safeguards applied to manage risks. (max 150 words)

SECTION 3: FUNDING

- Provide a detailed budget for your project using the template provided.

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- Provide a brief budget justification. (max 300 words)



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For further grant-related enquiries, please either refer to the FAQs section on the APPI website or contact us via email.

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