

2012 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANTS SCHEME GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

Members of the University community are invited to apply for the 2012 Community Engagement Grants Scheme (CEGS). Applications are sought for projects that enhance the University's engagement with the communities it serves, and builds community understanding of what the University can provide around the learning experience and research, and schools engagement.

UOW Staff and students can apply for funding for projects which are to be completed within a 12 month period.

Up to \$50,000 will be allocated under CEGS - Round 8 for projects commencing in 2012 with a maximum of \$10,000 to be allocated per project.

CEGS is designed to encourage new initiatives and should not be viewed as a supplementary funding source for existing projects requiring additional or ongoing funding nor as a 'second chance' source of funding for heavily research-based projects. Generally speaking, one-off events will not be funded.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to permanent staff of the University (including its controlled entities) and students enrolled in a University of Wollongong degree who have identified a committed community partner/s who will be collaborating on the project.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Funding is competitive and will be awarded to projects that advance UOW Community Engagement Priorities:

- Projects that engage community partners in the learning experience and/or research at UOW to create a community benefit
- Projects that enhance UOW's strategic priority for school engagement, addressing access and educational aspirations for students.

And meet the following criteria:

- The project is aligned with the University's strategic directions as defined in the [UOW Strategic Plan 2011-13](#)
- The project involves the application of UOW's research, scholarship or professional skills to impact directly on the wider community (that is, it provides a tangible community benefit)
- The project has clearly defined, specific and measurable outcomes
- The project is supported by the Faculty/Unit
- The project involves a partnership with the community (that is, community stakeholders are actively involved in the project).

Note: If the project involves research, it is important to demonstrate how community partners will be involved in the design and implementation of the project and will benefit directly from the research outcomes (that is, the project is about research *with* the community, not merely *for* the community).

Project outcomes will be assessed in terms of the following criteria:

- **significance** (are outcomes likely to impact widely?)
- **sustainability** (are outcomes likely to last well beyond the funding period?)
- **immediacy** (are the outcomes likely to have an impact sooner rather than later?).

Research which involves human or animal research must be carried out in accordance with the guidelines laid down in either the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans* or the *NHMRC Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes (7th Edition 2004)* in accordance with University of Wollongong policy.

For further information please see <http://www.uow.edu.au/research/ethics/index.html>

SUBMISSION DETAILS

1. Applicants are required to submit an Application for their project to the Office of Community & Partnerships by 3 August 2012
2. Selected applicants will be shortlisted and may be invited to provide additional information to support their application to the Grant Selection Panel, if required
3. Successful applicants will be announced at the Presentation Breakfast in September 2012. Once a decision has been reached, no further correspondence will be entered into.

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

The 2012 Conditions of Grants Form must be completed and signed by all projects funded by CEGS in 2012.

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