

NAWIC 'Bright Ideas' Process & Application -Details

\$20,000 seed funding will be awarded to support a woman, group or partnership to launch a new business venture, programme or idea related to the construction industry.

We know that women are innovative and adaptive. Small business can suit women well as they can choose their own work hours, balance other commitments and be their own leader. Now is the perfect time to support a fresh start or give your fresh idea a 'leg up' alongside usual employment.

Purpose:

1 x \$20,000 grant awarded to the establishment of small business in the construction industry.

The 'Bright Ideas' Grant and associated start up workshops aim to:

1. Arm women and men in the industry with skills and confidence to start a business of their own.
2. Award seed funding by way of a grant to a worthy business idea to help it launch.
3. Provide ongoing in-kind support for the winner for 1 year.

Application Dates and Program:

Timetable	Dates
Nominations open	Monday 11 September 2023 at 9:00am AEST
Nominations close	Sunday 22 October 2023 at 11:59pm AEST
Applications Reviewed	Monday 23 October at 9.00am AEST – Sunday 12 November at 11.59pm AEST
Interview shortlisted candidates	W/C 13 - 17 November 2023
Grant Winner Announced	W/C 20 – 27 November 2023

Please send queries to; scholarships@nawic.com.au

Application Details:

Eligibility

You must:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident currently living in Australia and minimum of 18 years old.
- Be female or have a female in key leadership role within the proposed business start-up.
- The proposed business venture must not have commenced trading at time of submission.
- Be a paid NAWIC member at the time as of 11 September 2023.

To ensure fairness:

- Current NAWIC Board Members, State Office Bearers or Committee Chairs are not permitted to enter.
- Successful winners of other NAWIC Scholarships from the proceeding 5 years are not eligible. i.e., IWD scholarship winner.

Submission

- Applications must be submitted via the NAWIC's nominated platform at the following link from September 11, 2023 – October 22, 2023:

<https://nawic.grantplatform.com/>

Please ensure the following in your submission:

- You complete the full Business plan items within the online form. Please note, no additional materials: videos, links, reports etc. will be accepted or judged.
- Current applicant CV, maximum 2 x A4 pages, attached to your submission.
- Select the application declaration box (your submission is not valid without this)
- Select Media Release Authority section if you agree to be profiled on NAWIC's social media platforms and other media streams for the promotion of the grant and the grant's recipient should your submission be successful.
- Be available for a panel interview during w/c 13 - 17 November 2023.

Grant

Successful grant recipient will receive:

- \$20,000 seed funding for new business venture.
- Winner will be able to participate for free in the NAWIC Mentor Program applicable to their state. (Timing and program details vary. If a program is not available, a NAWIC mentor will be nominated.) (Approx Value- \$1000)
- Complimentary Corporate NAWIC Annual Membership for their new small business for 1st year. (Value- \$1000 Cat E)
- Complimentary access to NAWIC events in their state for 1 year to assist networking opportunities. Up to the value of approx. \$2000.00

Judging Criteria

The submission will be judged on:

- Quality of Business Planning
- Originality of Idea
- Likelihood of success
- Ability to influence change in the construction industry.

Please note:

- No individual feedback on submissions will be given.
- All judges will sign a declaration of confidentiality meaning they will not share/ reproduce or repurpose any information reviewed in the submission.

Process

The Bright Ideas Scholarship selection process will be as follows:

1. Judging panel reviews the submissions against the criteria outlined above. The judges select a maximum of three finalists to be interviewed during w/c 13-17 November 2023.
2. If selected for an interview, the finalist will meet with the selection panel to discuss the proposal. This is likely to occur via video conference.
3. The winner of the 'Bright Ideas Grant' will be notified via phone and email then announced on the NAWIC website and social media channels.