

## **DLGC-Women's Interests Fully Funded Scholarships Ignition 2017 Background and Eligibility**

The Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) recognises the vital role that women play in making a difference for local communities.

Promoting women's economic independence is a priority for Western Australia. DLGC fosters and encourages women to explore new and enhanced avenues of income generation. Innovation and entrepreneurship are important pathways to women's economic independence.

DLGC supports Curtin Ignition through funding for a number of scholarship places for women. The scholarships support women entrepreneurs who face financial barriers that may restrict their ability to participate in this program, particularly women whose business idea is in a STEM (science, technology, engineering or maths) field. Those in a STEM industry, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander women, and women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, are encouraged to apply for these scholarships.

Ignition is an intensive 5½-day education program for aspiring entrepreneurs, academics and corporate innovators to trial and prepare their business ideas for the commercial environment.

Ignition is open to anyone with a business idea, research project or early stage business venture that could become a high growth business. Applications from new and aspiring entrepreneurs with limited experience of starting a business, are encouraged to apply. Passion and ambition to take ideas forward and 'make it happen' are highly important attributes for success at Ignition.

The DLGC scholarships are for WA residents only.

Applicants must be prepared to commit one full week of their time to an intensive and results-focused program. Fluency in spoken and written English is essential.

DLGC Scholarship Applications are judged on their individual merit based on the following eligibility criteria:

- A need for the scholarship (i.e – you cannot fund the registration fee yourself),
- The novelty of your business/idea/innovation,
- Your idea or business is in a STEM (science, technology, engineering or maths) field\*,
- The likelihood of your business sustainability (market potential and uniqueness of your proposal),
- The preparation and action you have taken to progress your business/idea/innovation.

*\* Those within a STEM field are particularly encouraged to apply for these scholarships and preference will be given, however this scholarship is open to business ideas and innovations across all industries.*

Award of scholarship places will be made by the Curtin Centre for Entrepreneurship Ignition team & the Department of Local Government & Communities, their decision will be made based on the written information provided in the application form.

It is a condition of acceptance of your scholarship that you must participate in any surveys assigned by DLGC and/or Curtin Ignition.

Apply online at: [www.ignition.curtin.edu.au](http://www.ignition.curtin.edu.au) - closing date is July 7th 2017.

Scholarships are limited to one per business, and terms and conditions apply.