

Office of Multicultural Interests Scholarships

Curtin Ignition Program 2017

Background and Eligibility

The Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) recognises the vital role that migrants play in contributing to Western Australia's economy and community

Innovation and entrepreneurship are important to the State's future and promoting economic development is a priority. OMI encourages migrants to explore new avenues of business and employment opportunity.

OMI supports Curtin Ignition through funding a maximum of 10 scholarship places. The scholarships support migrant entrepreneurs who face financial barriers that may restrict their ability to participate in this program.

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.

The OMI Ignition Scholarships are open to all migrants 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 OMI 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.

OMI 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
- Willingness to participate in OMI promotional activities and events.
- 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.
- Applicants must be a permanent resident or citizen of Australia.

Awarding of scholarship places will be made by the Curtin Centre for Entrepreneurship Ignition team and the Office of Multicultural Interests. 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 OMI and/or Curtin Ignition.

Apply online at: www.ignition.curtin.edu.au - The closing date is 7 July 2017.

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