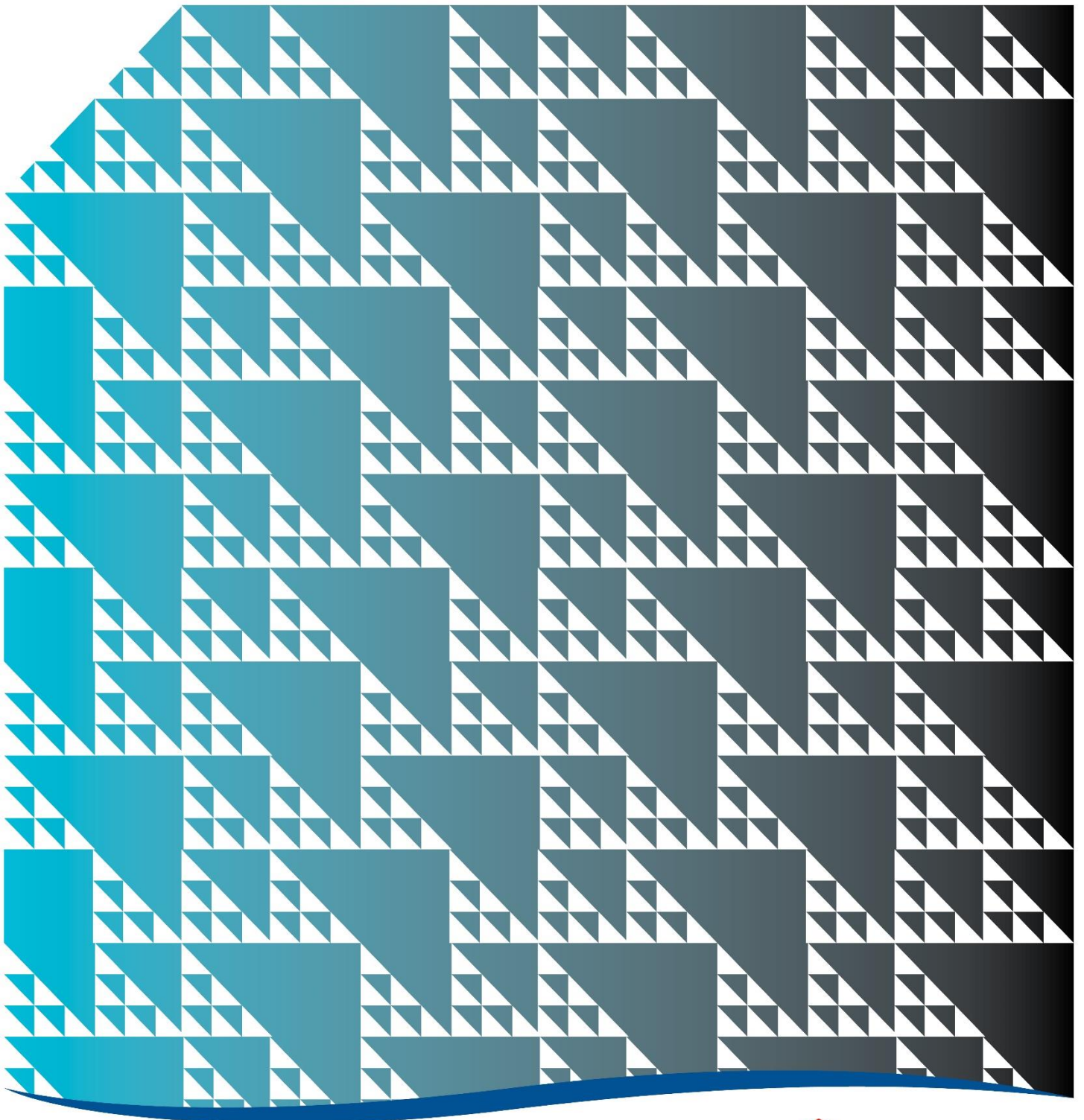


# The Minister's Tasmanian STEM Innovation of the Year Award 2016

Guidelines and application form



## The awards

The Minister's Tasmanian STEM Innovation of the Year Award 2016 recognises the achievements of the state's STEM entrepreneurs and highlights the importance of innovation in growing Tasmania's community and economy.

Supported by the Tasmanian Government, Inspiring Australia, University of Tasmania and Engineers Australia, the Minister's Tasmanian STEM Innovation of the Year Award 2016 will recognise a business or individual for their innovative STEM product, process or service during the 2015/16 financial year.

The Minister's Tasmanian STEM Innovation of the Year Award 2016 provides the finalists with an excellent opportunity to promote their products, build networks and relationships, and to raise their profile. The Award, consisting of a \$5 000 cheque and trophy, will be presented at the Tasmanian STEM Excellence Awards reception on 16 November 2016.

## Benefits to the winner and nominees

The benefits from participating in the Minister's Tasmanian STEM Innovation of the Year Award 2016 are numerous.

The awards provide:

- recognition and exposure for participating companies and individuals;
- opportunities for networking and forming business and research alliances amongst participants, including other industry representatives, academics, and teachers;
- a platform for participants to benchmark their products and services;
- a 'showcase of success stories' for Tasmanian firms and individuals that are developing innovative STEM research outcomes
- media exposure for products, participating firms and individuals.

## How to apply

To enter The Minister's Tasmanian STEM Innovation of the Year Award 2016, complete this application form and submit it to Sarah Bayne, Manager of Inspiring Australia by **5pm, Friday 14 October 2016**.

## Eligibility

Applications are invited from businesses and individuals operating in Tasmania. Groups of individuals or consortia of businesses are also eligible to apply. Research agencies funded by the Tasmanian Government are eligible whereas state government departments are not.

## Judging

The judging panel will be selected on the basis of their knowledge and expertise in the STEM research development fields.

## Selection criteria

The Award will be presented for the most innovative and commercially-promising STEM product, process or service. In making its selection, the judges will consider the attributes of the proponent, the type and merit of innovation proposed, and the innovation's potential to make a social and economic impact, either through technology diffusion or commercially.

## Other conditions

As a successful recipient of the Award, you may be asked by the Tasmanian Government, University of Tasmania or Engineers Australia (Tasmania Division) to take part in a limited number of STEM engagement events, such as Science Meets Parliament, Innovation Forums, student outreach etc. if available.

## Submitting an application

Complete the enclosed application form and submit via:

### a) Postal address

Minister for Information Technology and Innovation  
Tasmanian STEM Innovation of the Year Award 2016  
Att: Sarah Bayne, Manager – Inspiring Australia  
University of Tasmania  
Private Bay 50,  
HOBART TAS 7001

### b) E-mail

[info@WhySci.org.au](mailto:info@WhySci.org.au)  
(ensure all signatures are scanned in  
e-mailed documents)

### Enquiries:

Sarah Bayne – Manager, Inspiring Australia  
Phone: (03) 6226 2716 or email: [sarah.bayne@utas.edu.au](mailto:sarah.bayne@utas.edu.au)

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## Application form

All applicants are directed to read the accompanying guidelines and terms and conditions before completing this application.

Applications close on 5:00 pm Friday, 14 October 2016.

### Section A – Applicant details

Please complete those fields that are applicable to you or your organisation

**Tick box if your company operates in Tasmania**

<b>Applicant name*</b> (Company or Individual)			
<b>Trading name**</b>			
<b>Company ABN</b>			
<b>Postal address</b>			
<b>Suburb</b>		<b>Postcode</b>	

\* This is the organisation or individual's official, registered name that official correspondence will be sent to and payment will be made to if successful.

\*\* This will be the wording you wish to be used in publicity and on the Award certificate and trophy.

If you are a subsidiary or affiliate of another organisation please state the relationship:


### I. Contact details

<b>Contact name</b>	
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	(03)
<b>Fax</b>	(03)
<b>Email</b>	

## Section B – STEM innovation

All applicants to complete.

Provide a brief description of your STEM product, process or service i.e. what it does and why there is a market demand for it.

Maximum of 200 words.

What is the advantage or uniqueness of your STEM product/process/service, in terms of:

- How it benefits the target industry/research field?
- What it does, or does better than existing or competing offerings?
- Has it resulted in increased efficiencies?
- How is it innovative or original?

Maximum of 200 words.

Who are the target markets and what is the estimated economic potential of this STEM product/process/service?

Maximum 200 words.

A large empty rectangular box intended for the user to write their answer to the question above.



What opportunities (exports, licensing, joint ventures, product development etc.) have you identified for your STEM innovation in national and/or international markets?

Maximum 200 words.

Briefly describe your IP and the approach you have/will have taken to protecting and exploiting that IP.

Maximum of 200 words.

How will this STEM innovation impact on the general community?

Maximum of 200 words.

Note: If you wish to include some extra supporting material (e.g. pamphlets or advertising material) please limit it to two appendices (i.e. two pages only). Photos of yourself and innovation are strongly recommended.

## Section C – Declaration

All applicants to complete.

I hereby submit the enclosed application for entry into The Minister’s Tasmanian STEM Innovation Award 2016 and warrant that,

- a) I have the full power and lawful authority to submit an application form on behalf of the applicant;
- b) The information contained in this application is accurate and factual; and
- c) I agree to abide by The Minister’s Tasmanian STEM Innovation of the Year Award 2016 guidelines and terms and conditions of entry.

**Signature**

**Date**

## Terms and conditions of entry

1. All applications must be received in full by the Manager of Inspiring Australia by the closing date in these guidelines. Late applications will not be accepted.
2. Applicants will be competitively assessed on the basis of their application. The coordinators of the Awards or members of the judging panel may contact the applicants to seek further information and/or clarification.
3. Applicants must agree to abide by the decision of the judging panel.
4. Applications and supporting material will not be returned to applicants.
5. All material submitted will be used solely for the purpose of applying for this Award and will not be circulated. No material relating to an Applicant's entry will be publicised without their prior approval.
6. The coordinating committee reserves the right to revoke an Award, re-award an Award or withdraw any application from consideration for the Award if the applicant is in breach of any of these rules.
7. Finalists should use their best endeavours to attend or be represented at the Award ceremony. Attendance by applicants at the presentation ceremony is encouraged.
8. Applicants enter the Awards at their own risk and the organiser will not be liable for any loss, damage or expense incurred by the applicant as a result of entering an application in the Awards.
9. Applicants agree to do all things reasonable to participate and/or cooperate with any promotional or media activities conducted by the organisers and sponsors in relation to The Minister's Tasmanian STEM Innovation of the Year Award 2016.
10. No contractual or other legal relationship shall arise between the members of the judging panels, the organisers, sponsors and any organisation applying for the Awards.