

NSW Cyber Security Accelerator in Residence Form Preview

Overview

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Welcome to the application form for Investment NSW's Cyber Security Accelerator in Residence Program (the Program).

Please read the Program guidelines and understand the Investment NSW's requirements before proceeding with your application. The Expression of Interest Information Guide can be viewed [here](#).

Due to the large volume of applications, we cannot accept mandatory documentation once your application has been submitted, so please upload all necessary documentation to this form.

PROGRAM QUESTIONS

For queries about the guidelines, deadlines, or questions in the form, please contact acceleratorinresidence@investment.nsw.gov.au. You are strongly encouraged to save your application form every five to ten minutes to reduce the risk of losing your information.

SMARTYGRANTS QUESTIONS

If a technical error occurs, staff at SmartyGrants are available to help you. Contact details below, and ensure you quote your application number.

- Call during business hours: +61 (0)3 9320 6888 (Australia), +64 4 889 3068 (New Zealand)
- Email: service@smartygrants.com.au

Help is also available to guide you through this form - please download the [Help Guide for Applicants](#).

FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION FORM

On the right hand side of every screen, there is a box which links directly to every page of the application form. Click the link to move directly to the page you want. You can also click 'next page' or 'previous page' on the top or bottom of each page to move forward or backward through the application form.

SAVING YOUR DRAFT APPLICATION FORM

If you want to leave a partially completed application, press 'save' and log out. When you log back in and click the 'My Applications' link at the top of the screen, you will find a list of applications you have started or submitted. You can re-open your draft application and continue where you left off.

DOWNLOAD DRAFT APPLICATION

You can also download any application, whether in draft form or submitted, as a PDF file. Click on the 'Download' button at the bottom of the application navigation panel.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

You will find a 'Review' button at the bottom of the navigation panel. You need to review your application before you submit it. Ensure that all fields and mandatory questions

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marked with an asterisk '*' are completed. Once you have reviewed your application, you can submit it by clicking on 'Submit' at the top of the screen or on the navigation panel.

IMPORTANT: Any question marked with an asterisk '*' is mandatory. Failure to answer any of these questions will stop you from being able to complete and submit your application form. Once you have submitted your application, no further editing or uploading of supporting documents is possible. When you submit your application form, you will receive an automated confirmation email with a copy of your submitted application attached. **This will be sent to the email address that you used to register with SmartyGrants.**

If you do not receive a 'confirmation of submission' email, then your application has not been received. Review the error message highlighted in red and ensure that all mandatory fields have been completed. You should then be able to successfully submit your application.

COMPLETING AN APPLICATION IN A GROUP OR TEAM

A number of people can work on an application form using the same login details, as long as only one person is working on the application form at a time. Ensure that you save as you go.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you submit your application once completed. Any unsubmitted applications will not be considered for assessment.

Please confirm you have read the above information before proceeding. *

Yes No

You must answer 'yes' before proceeding to the application.

Have you read and understood the Program Guidelines? *

Yes No

If you answered 'no', you will not be able to proceed.

Privacy Statement

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Investment NSW collects the information in your application, which may include "personal information" for the purpose of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW)*. We collect this personal information for the purpose of considering and assessing your application. If your application is successful, your information will also be used to provide the funding to you, assist you in meeting your obligations and for reporting on the programs to which your funding relates.

Providing your personal information is voluntary, however if you do not provide this information, we will not be able to assess your application and you will not be considered for funding.

We may also disclose your personal information to the following third parties:

- Our Community Pty Limited being the application portal provider to help administer the program
- a credit assessment agency to help complete due diligence checks
- third party consultants to help assess and recommend applications
- other NSW government agencies (including the Department of Premier & Cabinet, Regional NSW and Service NSW) to help assess and administer the program, monitor

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activity, assist organisations whose applications are successful in meeting their obligations, and introduce unsuccessful applicants to other support programs that may be of assistance to them.

We may also be required to disclose information by law. For example, Investment NSW is subject to the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* ("GIPA Act"), which means the information you provide may be required to be released in response to a request under the GIPA Act. We may also be required to disclose information to oversight and investigative bodies and to the NSW Parliament.

Please refer to the website <https://www.investment.nsw.gov.au/privacy/> for more information on Investment NSW's Privacy Policy and your rights to access or correct the information.

By submitting this application form, you consent to Investment NSW collecting, using and disclosing information about you in the manner described above.

You must comply with the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)* in relation to any personal information disclosed to you by Investment NSW in connection with this application or the Program. All applications become the property of Investment NSW on submission. Investment NSW may make copies of the application for any purpose.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the privacy of your personal information, please email acceleratorinresidence@investment.nsw.gov.au.

I have read and accept the Privacy Statement. *

Yes No

If you answered 'no' you will not be able to proceed.

Cyber Security Accelerator in Residence

The NSW Government invites interested parties to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to operate the Accelerator in Residence (Accelerator) program (Program). The successful applicant will be awarded a grant of AUD975,000 to operate the Accelerator over a three-year period ending June 2024.

If you need further guidance around the application process or if you are unable to apply online contact us via email at acceleratorinresidence@investment.nsw.gov.au

For further information about the Program, please [click here](#) to review the Expression of Interest Information Guide.

Organisation and Contact Details

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Organisation Details

Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

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Which of the following best describes your organisation?

- An organisation with a NSW based ABN
- An organisation with intention to obtain a NSW based ABN
- A consortium of organisations, led by an organisation with a NSW based ABN

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Organisation Trading Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Provide details of your consortium partners

Organisation Name	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Organisation Trading Address (outside of NSW) *

Address

Provide details on how and when you intend to obtain a NSW based ABN *

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Does your organisation have a presence in NSW? *

Yes

No

Location of NSW presence *

Address

How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees are currently employed by the organisation in NSW? *

1 FTE = 1 employ working a 35hr week

Upload any relevant evidence or information that may support your bid to obtain a NSW ABN

Attach a file:

Contact for Application

Contact Name *

First Name

Last Name

Contact Position *

For example CEO, Grant Coordinator, Operations Manager

Contact Primary Phone Number *

Include area code for land lines

Contact Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Mandatory Requirements

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Applicants must meet all of the Mandatory Requirements

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Is your organisation well established with a minimum two years' experience scaling and growing cyber security businesses with resources, networks and mentors that can be leveraged or demonstrated ability to do so? *

- Yes No

Which of the following best describes your organisation? *

- The organisation has a NSW based ABN (that is, an applicant's ABN registration must show its main business location is in NSW)
 The organisation has an intention to register such an ABN if application is successful
 The organisation is applying as part of a joint application (for example, an application from an international-based organisation in partnership with an Australian organisation), and the lead applicant has a NSW based ABN (or intention to register one)
 The organisation does not meet any of the listed criteria

Can the organisation demonstrate how the it will target and attract cohort participation from underrepresented individuals or businesses that are managed by underrepresented individuals, such as women in STEM, Aboriginal people, and individuals with a disability? *

- Yes No

Does the organisation align with the 2021 NSW Cyber Security Strategy and satisfy relevant State and Federal Government policy and legislative requirements? *

- Yes No

[NSW Cyber Security Strategy](#), [Australia's 2020 Cyber Security Strategy](#), [Australia's International Cyber and Critical Technology Engagement Strategy](#), [Foreign Arrangements Scheme](#)

Evaluation Criteria

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In addition to the mandatory requirements, your responses will be assessed against the following evaluation criteria for the purposes of short-listing candidates for the RFP process.

- Demonstrates how the candidate's proposed model for the Program will accelerate the growth of cohort businesses
- Innovativeness of the proposal, with a focus on the services and delivery mode that will be used
- Demonstrates how the Accelerator will connect to the wider cyber security industry and ecosystem
- Demonstrates depth of international networks and connections, and how these may be leveraged in the delivery of the services in the Accelerator
- Demonstrates the sustainability of the proposed operating model for the Accelerator beyond NSW Government funding
- Demonstrates a detailed pathway to financial self-sufficiency, including revenue generation

The evaluation will be based on a scored, non-weighted approach. The evaluation panel will consist of three people including one independent probity adviser

Outline how your organisation or consortium meets the mandatory requirements *

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Word count:
Must be no more than 1000 words.

Outline the organisation's mission and vision for the NSW Accelerator in Residence? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 1000 words.
Answers should refer to evaluation criteria

Describe the services you will be providing as operator of the Accelerator? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 1000 words.
Answer should include reference to the proposed model for the Accelerator, how it will connect to the wider industry and ecosystem, how cohort programs will be run, and attraction of businesses to participate in the program.

Outline how your organisation or consortium's proposal will achieve the stated outcomes of the Accelerator in Residence *

Word count:
Must be no more than 1000 words.

Outline how your organisation or consortium's proposal will measure outcomes and performance *

Word count:
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Outline the sustainability of your operating model, including a plan for the Accelerator Program to become financially self-sufficient within three years. In this regard, we will look favourably upon applicants who have industry or other external sources of funding *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Outline your level of experience and achieved outcomes in existing incubator/accelerator/related operations, or evidence of commitment and funds to establish a new incubator/accelerator/related operation *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Upload any supporting documentation to support your application

Attach a file:

Application Terms (“Terms”)

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Your application

1. Submission of an application to the Crown in the Right of the State of New South Wales acting through Investment NSW (ABN 78 520 401 237) (Investment NSW) constitutes an acceptance by you of the NSW Cyber Security Accelerator in Residence Program (the Program) - Expression of Interest Information Guide (Program Guidelines) and these Terms and you agree to be bound by both of them.
2. Your application must be submitted to Investment NSW on or before 17.00 AEDT, 21 January 2022.
3. Applications may only be submitted using the method described in the Program Guidelines.
4. Applications that are incomplete or do not comply with the instructions provided in the application form and/or the Program Guidelines may be rejected by Investment NSW. Investment NSW may, in its sole discretion, accept or reject an application which is incomplete or does not comply with the Program Guidelines, or for any other reason.
5. You agree to bear the costs of preparing and submitting your application without recourse to Investment NSW.
6. You confirm that all of the information provided as part of the application is true, correct and valid as at the date of your application.
7. You agree to indemnify Investment NSW against and in respect of all damages, losses, expenses and costs (including legal costs on an indemnity basis) which arise out of or in

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relation to any incorrect or invalid information that you provide to Investment NSW through this application.

8. If you are found to have made false or misleading claims or statements, or to have obtained improper assistance in relation to your application, Investment NSW may exclude your application from the evaluation process. You should be aware that giving false or misleading information to Investment NSW is a serious offence under the Crimes Act 1900 No 40 (NSW).

9. An application submitted electronically will be treated in accordance with the Electronic Transactions Act 2000 (NSW).

10. Assessment and approval of your application will be in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines.

11. Submitting an application does not guarantee awarding of funding under the Program. Awarding of funding is at the sole discretion of Investment NSW and the responsible Minister.

12. Investment NSW reserves the right to verify the information provided by you as part of your application and determine your eligibility for the Program.

13. You must seek the written consent of Investment NSW before making any public announcement about the Program and Investment NSW's and the State's role in the Program.

14. Nothing in this request for applications or your application will be construed as giving rise to any contractual obligations or rights, express or implied, (other than your agreement to these Terms and the Program Guidelines).

15. If your application is successful, the information provided in your application will form part of a funding agreement to be separately agreed and signed between you and Investment NSW.

16. Unsuccessful applications will be notified via email and/or letter of the outcome of their application. Unsuccessful applicants may reapply for subsequent rounds if material changes have to the project have occurred and you believe you are eligible under the Program Guidelines.

17. Successful applicants will not receive any grant payments until a funding agreement is agreed and signed.

18. Subject to the terms of any funding agreement entered into between you and Investment NSW, Investment NSW reserves the right to alter, amend, suspend, cancel or withdraw the Program for any reason and in any circumstances in its sole and absolute discretion and without notice to you.

Disclaimer

19. Subject to any applicable law, Investment NSW makes no representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, in relation to any information or material provided in the application form or the Program Guidelines including as to its accuracy, currency or reliability.

20. The information and material provided by NSW Government as part of the application form and Program Guidelines is of a general nature only and is not legal or other professional advice or intended to be comprehensive. You are responsible for determining the validity, quality and relevance of any information or materials and taking appropriate independent advice before submitting an application or entering into a funding agreement.

21. NSW Government does not accept responsibility for and excludes liability for any loss, damage, cost or expense howsoever caused (including through negligence or matters

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outside its control), which you or any person may directly or indirectly suffer in connection with your or such person's use of or reliance on, information or materials contained in the application form or the Program Guidelines.

Privacy and disclosure

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23. Providing your personal information to Investment NSW is voluntary, however, if you do not provide this information, we will not be able to assess your application and you will not be considered for the Program.

24. Investment NSW may also disclose your personal information to the following third parties:

- a) Smarty Grants (through Our Community Pty Ltd ABN 24 094 608 705), being the application portal providers that assist Investment NSW to administer the Program;
- b) independent probity advisors assisting Investment NSW with its general risk assessment of the Program;
- c) legal advisers and other advisers to Investment NSW;
- d) a credit assessment agency to help complete due diligence checks, and
- e) other New South Wales Government agencies (including but not limited to the Department of Premier and Cabinet) to help assess and administer the Program, monitor activity, assist organisations whose applications are successful in meeting their obligations, and introduce unsuccessful applicants to other support programmes that may be of assistance to them.

25. Investment NSW may also use your information to promote and make announcements about successful applicants. Information (such as your company and business name, office location and CEO) will be used by Investment NSW for media announcements and case studies which may be published on NSW Government websites and other social media accounts.

26. We may also be required to disclose information by law. For example, Investment NSW is subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act), which means the information you provide may be required to be released in response to a request under the GIPA Act. We may also be required to disclose information to oversight and investigative bodies and to the Parliament of New South Wales.

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28. You must comply with the PIPP Act in relation to any personal information disclosed to you by Investment NSW in connection with this application or the Program Guidelines.

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Declaration

I confirm that:

- I have read and understood the Terms.
- I have read and understood the Program Guidelines with respect to assistance under this Program.
- I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the applicant.
- The applicant agrees to the Terms and Program Guidelines.
- The information provided in this application is true, correct and valid as at the date of submitting this application.

I agree to the Application Terms *

Yes

No

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Today's date *

Must be a date.