

2018 LEAP - Partnership Engagement Grant Scheme

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and the Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor (Programs and Pathways) have allocated \$200,000 of Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP) funds towards a new grant scheme. The 2018 LEAP – Partnership Engagement Grant Scheme will encourage initiatives focused on encouraging undergraduate low – Socio Economic Status (SES) students to enter university or support their retention, success and completion.

WIDENING PARTICIPATION (WP)

The term widening participation is used around the world to describe initiatives that support students from groups that have long been under-represented in higher education.

As a university of service and engagement that aspires to be a destination of choice for students who share our values, and who want to contribute towards a better world, widening participation is a core element of Macquarie's strategic direction.

Through widening participation initiatives, the University demonstrates its strategic direction in action, via its commitment to inclusiveness, and to offering experiences that change the lives of students.

WORKING COLLABORATIVELY

The University's Widening Participation Unit seeks to create opportunities for those who have previously been denied opportunity to access and participate in higher education. What matters is where a student finishes, not where they start.

With a strong focus on coordination and building enduring relationships with all stakeholders, we invite expressions of interest for the 2018 LEAP – Partnership Engagement Grant Scheme.

Further to helping achieve a high level of student inclusiveness, the grant will also expand and enhance collaborative networks across the University.

EXAMPLES OF CURRENT PROJECTS

LEAP – Macquarie Mentoring (Refugee Mentoring) Program

A unique mentoring program for high school students of refugee background. The program encourages students to explore and navigate future education and career pathways, with the support of Macquarie University volunteer LEAP student mentors.

Create Your Future Program

The program provides career exploration activities for first year, low-SES undergraduate students, with an aim to develop employability skills. The program also supports final year low-SES undergraduate students, to assess their work-ready skills.

Macquarie Undergraduate Research Internship (MURI)

The MURI program provides low-SES undergraduate students with the opportunity to either design or partake in an existing research project, under the guidance of a Macquarie University academic.

Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) and National Indigenous Television (NITV) Media Mentorship Program

A longitudinal program delivered in partnership with the Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW and SBS, to provide media industry professional development opportunities for low-SES undergraduate students.



HEPPP FUNDING

The 2018 LEAP – Partnership Engagement Grant Scheme is funded by the Commonwealth Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP). Grant funds will be available for projects that offer innovative and targeted support for low-SES undergraduate students, by promoting their access to, and participation in higher education.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Staff interested in applying will first need to consult with their Head of Department /Unit to obtain endorsement
- Endorsed project ideas (1 page max) must be submitted via email to sonal.singh@mq.edu.au by no later than April 4th, 2018
- Applicants will pitch their ideas (3 mins max) to a Widening Participation panel on April 11th, 2018
- Panel supported applications will then be asked to submit a full application, including itemised budget and project evaluation plan, by April 30th, 2018
- Project budget should be between \$10,000 - \$50,000
- Annual progress and financial reports will be required to meet Commonwealth HEPPP reporting requirements
- All funding given for the 2018 LEAP – Partnership Engagement Grant Scheme must be spent by December 2018

WP 2018 PILOT PRIORITY AREAS

Listed below are areas of priority as identified by the HEPPP guidelines.

- Initiatives that can demonstrate positive influence upon the aspiration, engagement and preparedness of low – SES prospective students, who may not otherwise consider university as a viable choice;
- Initiatives that enhance the transition and retention of undergraduate low – SES students at Macquarie University; and
- Initiatives that enhance the success rate of undergraduate low – SES students at Macquarie University.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Expressions of Interest due
WEDNESDAY APRIL 4th
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FIND OUT MORE

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