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Program Overview

Priority Action 1 of the Accord Interim Report: Extend visible, local access to tertiary education

Final Accord report recommends 80% tertiary attainment by 2050 to meet the future Australian skills needs.



Program objectives

- support any student studying at an Australian publicly-funded tertiary provider
- provide dedicated wrap-around services and facilities for improved outcomes for underrepresented students
- build readiness and aspiration
- encourage linkages with providers, employers and local community.
- Provide innovative access to tertiary study through consortia and partnerships.

Priority Focus

- Located in outer-metro and peri-urban areas with low higher education attainment.
- Targeted at underrepresented and disadvantaged students (low SES, First Nations, disability).

2. 2024 Application Round

Closing: 5pm AEST 29 July




Overview

The 2024 application round will support the establishment of **up to 14** new Suburban University Study Hubs

- Address the eligibility and key considerations outlined in the Program Guidelines and the Application Guide.
- Applications close: 5pm AEST, 29 July 2024
- Assessment Panel review: August – September 2024
- Recommendations to Minister for Education: September 2024
- Announcements: October 2024



Who can apply?

- Organisations must be, or able to become a **body corporate**.
 - Those proposing a Hub in:
 - A geographical location classified as '**Major Cities of Australia**' as per the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Australian Statistical Geographic Standards (ASGS) Remoteness Areas* classification; or '**Greater Darwin**' or '**Greater Hobart**' under the ABS ASGA *Greater Capital City Statistical Areas* classification; and
 - A **Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) locations** classified as **Quintile 1 or Quintile 2** according to the ABS Socio-economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Advantage and Disadvantage (IRSAD).
 - Those proposing **new hubs only**.
 - '**Fit and proper person**' as outlined in paragraph 6.2 of the *Higher Education Support (Fit and Proper Person) Instrument 2019*.
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Key Considerations

Applications will be considered based on the **location** of the proposed Suburban University Study Hub and **quality** of the application to service the **relative needs** of the **community**

Community need:

- Distance to existing campuses
- Higher education attainment rates
- Support for underrepresented and disadvantaged students (e.g. low SES, First Nations, and students with a disability).

Community involvement:

- Community representation on governance models to ensure a genuine place-based approach to supporting local students (for example, through establishing a local Board or steering committee).



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Readiness to operate:

- Proposed and established partnerships with other tertiary education providers and local industry.

Budget:

- An appropriate and sustainable budget with ongoing funding sources.

Geographic spread:

- The location of the proposed Hub is geographically dispersed from other Hubs or tertiary campuses.



Community Involvement

Applicants should consider ways to involve and engage the community the proposed Hub will serve

Boards & Committees

- Should include diverse members from the local community

Community partnerships in co-design

- Developing partnerships will provide expertise and resourcing in program creation and delivery.

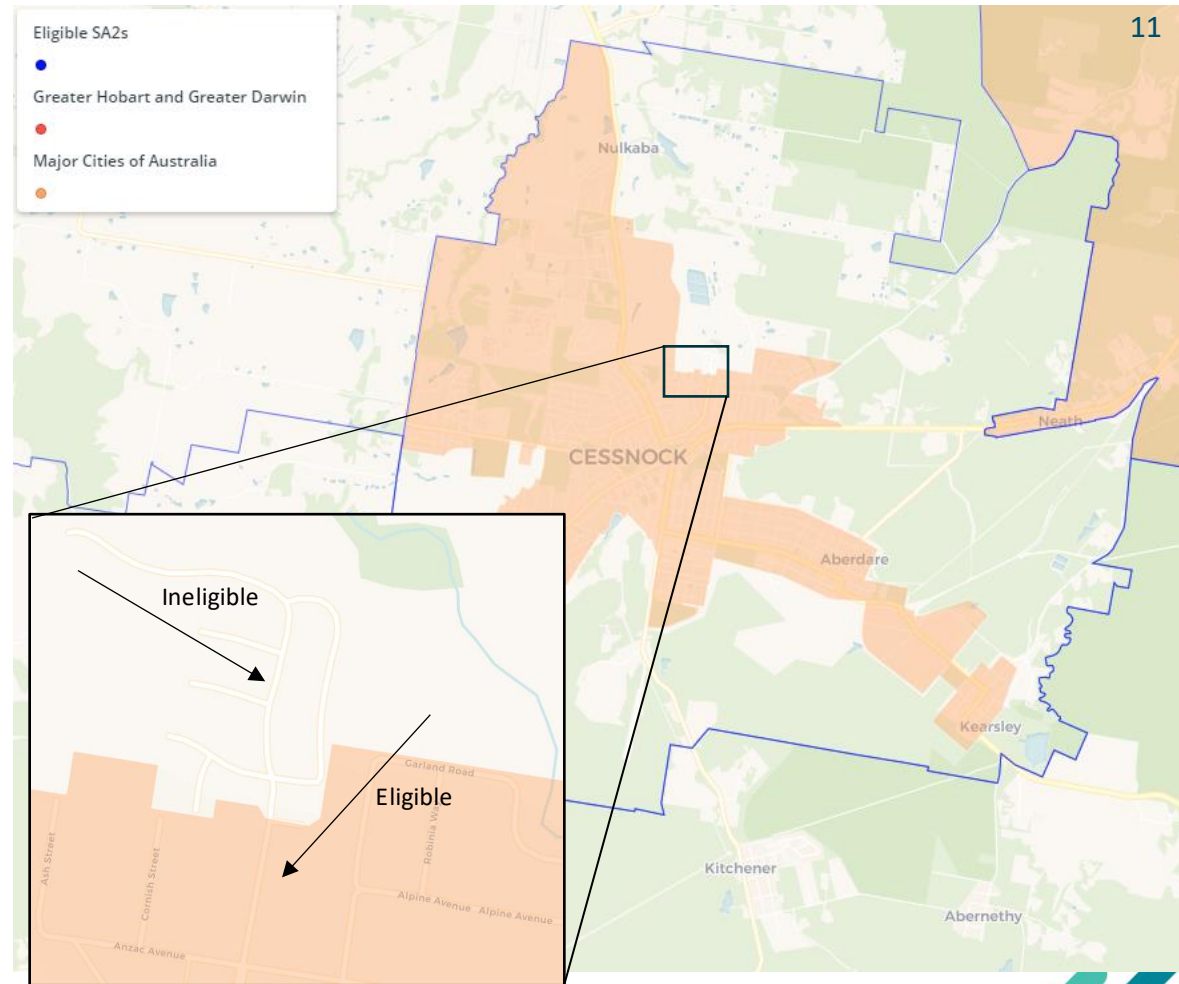
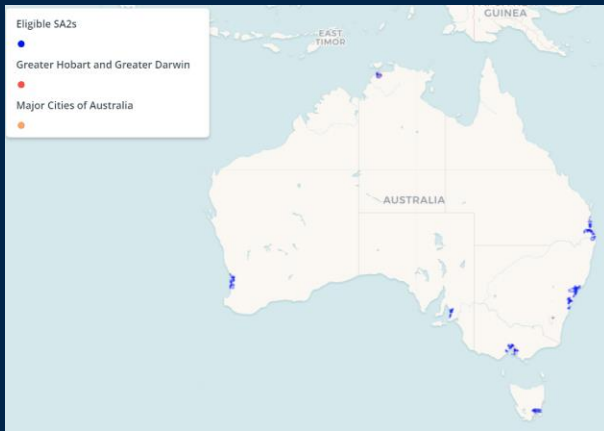
Careers, placements and internships

- Building relationships with local organisations that can be harnessed for events and activities that support student placements/internships and careers



Interactive Map

Locations within a blue line (SA2, Q1 or Q2) and coloured orange or red (Major City or Hobart/Darwin) are eligible



Funding

It is up to each applicant to determine the amount of funding they seek to establish a Suburban University Study Hub. Exact funding amounts will be dependent on the needs/circumstances of each applicant, with final amounts **subject to negotiation with the Program Delegate**. Applicants should consider:

- Ongoing operational costs
- Capital works required

Inclusion of costs between 2024-25 and 2026-27, considering part-year expenditure

Establishment Stage

- Capital works and/or lease of facilities
- Acquisition of electronic and physical resources
- Renovation of facilities including painting, floor coverings, installation of walls etc.
- No large-scale capital works.

Ongoing Operational Stage

- Human resources
- Support resources
- Administrative expenses

How to apply?

Please read the **Suburban University Study Hubs – 2024 Application Guide** and the **Suburban University Study Hubs – Program Guidelines 2024** before you commence.

Applying

- Complete an application including:
 - Application Form
 - Budget Proposal
 - Financial Viability Form
- Applications must be submitted via this [link](#):

5pm (AEST) 29 July 2024

Post submission

- Additional information and clarifying discussions (on request)

More Information

General

- [Suburban University Study Hubs website](#)
- [Program Guidelines](#)
- [Application Guide](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

Data

- [Contact us](#)
- [ABS Census data](#)
- [UniStats](#) (fees apply)

For any additional questions, please contact suburbanhubs@education.gov.au

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