

## Round 2: Expression of interest

### Science laboratories and resource grants for primary schools

#### Background information

School name:  
Principal name:  
School address:  
School telephone:  
School email:  
Education region:

#### 1. Eligibility requirements

*(Schools that were successful in Round 1 are not eligible to apply)*

Do you have a permanent classroom that is not required as a general classroom both now and in the short to medium term? (e.g. spare general room or BER art classroom. This does not include storage or wet areas.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do your Semester 2, 2018 enrolments currently exceed 100 students?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For district high schools, are your primary school facilities on a separate site to your secondary facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

#### 2. Existing science facilities

Does your school already have a specialist science room?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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If yes, does it have:

a water trough with more than two taps	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
benches?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
storage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a hard floor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
adequate power and data outlets?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If no to any part of question 2, you are eligible to apply.

Principal name:  
Signature:  
Date:

Please submit your application to [sciencelabs@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:sciencelabs@education.wa.edu.au)

*Address criteria here.*

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### What is this initiative?

School classrooms at 200 primary schools will be converted at a total cost of \$12 million into science laboratories. An additional \$5 million will be provided for the schools as a one off grant to purchase science resources. The first one hundred schools were selected in 2017.

### How can primary schools apply?

Primary schools are invited to submit expressions of interest.

### When do expressions of interest open?

Expressions of interest open on 24 July 2018.

### When do expressions of interest close?

Expressions of interest close on Friday 17 August 2018.

### How are primary schools selected?

Schools are selected based on their plans to grow and improve science education at their schools. Schools need to submit expressions of interest and:

- meet the eligibility criteria
- address the selection criteria.

Special consideration is given to schools with low ICSEA (Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage) and schools in regional and remote locations.

### What are the eligibility criteria?

Primary schools are eligible to submit expressions of interest if they have:

- more than 100 students enrolled from Kindergarten to Year 6
- an available permanent classroom suitable to convert into a science laboratory.

### What are the selection criteria?

Principals are asked to describe in 250 words:

- key features of the school's current science program;
- how a science laboratory (and resources) will enhance the school's science program; and
- how the school will measure the effectiveness of the new science laboratory (and resources).

### I have a spare transportable classroom: can this be converted?

No, only permanent classrooms can be converted into a science laboratory.

### I am principal of a district high school. Can I apply for my school?

No, only primary schools are eligible.

The only exception is for district high schools where the primary students are located on a different site from the secondary students.

### I have a Building the Education Revolution (BER) science classroom. Can I still apply?

Yes. Your science classroom can be refitted up to standard. If successful, you will also receive the \$25 000 resource grant.

### How are principals notified of the outcome of expressions of interest?

Principals are advised in writing if successful or unsuccessful.

**If my school was unsuccessful in 2017, can I reapply?**

Yes.

**If my school was successful in 2017, can I reapply?**

No.

**Who needs to submit expressions of interest?**

The expression of interest must be signed and submitted by principals.

**How are principals notified of the outcome of expressions of interest?**

Principals are advised in writing if successful or unsuccessful.

**What do successful schools receive?**

Each successful school has an existing classroom converted with:

- a five tap trough with hot and cold water
- mobile, height adjustable benches with chemical resistant surfaces and matching seating
- vinyl flooring
- appropriate fittings for storage and display, including pin up displays
- additional power and data points
- audiovisual points for interactive whiteboards or other devices
- eyewash facilities
- fridge
- microwave oven
- first aid station.

If the conversion comes under budget at a school, the school is given the opportunity to request additional items that meet their specific school requirements, (for example, outdoor shelving for growing plants, additional lighting and pigeon holes).

Schools also receive a one off grant of \$25 000 to buy science resources that suit their students and school requirements. The grant is provided prior to the classroom conversion being completed.

**What resources can be purchased with the \$25 000 grant?**

Schools receive a pick and buy resource list which includes a range of resources. The resource list will be on the intranet once schools have been advised of the outcome of their expressions of interest.

**Are there restrictions or guidelines on the way the grant can be spent?**

Yes. Schools are expected to purchase resources to support delivery of the curriculum and stimulate student interest in science. Expenditure limits are set on items such as tablets.

**How are expressions of interest submitted?**

Email expressions of interest to [sciencelabs@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:sciencelabs@education.wa.edu.au).

**Who can provide more information?**

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