

EA Award Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can Engagement Australia review our proposals and provide feedback?

No, EA is not able to support the application process, but we can provide advice or clarification in response to specific questions regarding the Awards Criteria. We recommend you discuss your specific application questions with staff within your institution who have experience with reviewing grant or scholarship applications.

2. Does a collaborative effort between many internal departments and stakeholders and support from external foundations meet eligibility for a *collaborative program or project involving one or more tertiary education institution, and one or more industry, community or government partners*?

Yes, if you can demonstrate external foundations are a collaborative partner the initiative is eligible. The main objective is to provide evidence of the engagement relationship.

3. Can evidence of Outstanding Leadership in Engagement be demonstrated through initiatives implemented at more than one University?

Yes.

4. Do universities need to submit applications on behalf of professional and academic staff?

Staff may submit applications themselves, but all applications require University endorsement.

5. Are New Zealand Universities eligible?

Yes, we welcome submissions from New Zealand Universities

6. Is there a specific timeframe that is most appropriate for the work/core achievements to have occurred?

Our eligibility criteria emphasise that “Applications are eligible if there is evidence of a genuine collaboration underpinning their work and if the project produced impactful results.” The criteria does not specify a timeframe as such, but raises the need for applications to be able to demonstrate meaningful results, and hopefully results/benefits that can be sustained into the future and have a broader and more permanent impact on the community, or community of interest.

7. Outstanding Leadership in Engagement category - does the individual need to be an employee of the University - or can they be an employee of a partner?

No, they do not need to be employed by the University

Definitions

Alumni community: Community of people who are the Alumni of the university

Universities working with their communities to address contemporary global challenges locally through teaching, learning, research and partnerships.