2022 Rural and Remote
K-12 Career Education Initiative

Assist schools in implementing the[*Career Learning Framework*](https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/career-learning-and-vet/career-learning) for primary and secondary students.

Rural and remote schools are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for funding of **$20,000** to support students to build their confidence in self-managing their career and transition planning.

## Program Overview

The 2022 Rural and Remote K-12 Career Education Initiative provides primary and secondary schools the opportunity to develop a successful career education program using the department’s [*Career Learning Framework*](https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/career-learning-and-vet/career-learning). From 2018-2021, 30 communities of schools have participated in the initiative, with an estimated reach of over 4,000 students and 200 teachers.

Rural and Distance Education and Pathways and Transitions aims to assist schools in broadening students' career aspirations and support effective Year 6 to Year 7 transition programs. The initiative supports the School to Work Program and aligns with the
[**NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018-2022**](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/about-us/strategies-and-reports/media/documents/NSW-Department-of-Education-Strategic-Plan-2018-2022.pdf) purpose ‘*To prepare our learners for rewarding lives as engaged citizens in a complex and dynamic society’*.

Key initiative objectives include:

* develop innovative and creative career education processes that will strengthen the smooth transition from primary to secondary school
* raise student expectations and pathways into further study and/or training
* provide teachers with appropriate professional learning
* provide quality school leadership
* establish strong relationships with the community.

## Professional learning

The initiative will develop additional illustrations of practice, documenting attempts at broadening and/or enriching career education delivery in regional NSW.

Initiative leaders will be required to attend professional learning customised for this initiative in Term 4, 2021.

* **Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 November 2021 – Canberra**

 **or**

* **Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 November 2021 – Coffs Harbour**and online throughout 2022.

As part of the professional learning, schools’ will be required to develop an Initiative Project Plan. Projects plans are due by successful schools **Friday 10 December 2021**. Initiatives will commence in **Term 1, 2022**.

**NOTE:** Professional learningis anticipated to be delivered face to face in Term 4**,** 2021**.**In the event schools are under restrictions, online delivery will be conducted. Before commencing, successful schools will receive information, including an agenda, time (and login details if online delivery proceeds).

## Successful schools expectations

Successful schools will be expected to:

* co-design a project to improve the career education from Years K-12 that will strengthen the transition of students from primary to secondary school
* form a team of stakeholders (school and community)
* have a school executive member on the team
* deliver, evaluate and identify milestones in their project
* identifying methods of data capture and action research methodology
* attend professional learning, which will outline project deliverables, expectations and support project teams with professional learning
* document the project and provide progress reports, including the final project report
* participate in online collaboration
* provide a statement of expenditure of funds at the end of 2022
* involved students from K-12 from a cluster of schools
* deliver professional learning to their school staff to build teacher capacity
* commitment to attend a symposium in Term 4, 2022 and present their schools’ initiative.

## Funding

In the February 2022 budget adjustment, funds will be processed in the lead school’s account to service the initiative.

Funding is provided for:

* travel, resources, and teacher release related to attending professional learning for the project
* resources and activities to support projects outlined in a project plan.

## Application Process

Schools may apply for funding as either:

* a cluster of government schools (central and/or secondary and/or primary) or,
* a central school
* an individual government primary/secondary school.

Applications must be submitted online. Please download an Expression of Interest (EOI) application form online and attach the final document to a [Google Form](https://forms.gle/qvAmSmTPJPQ8MYLt5) submission.


Timeline

EOI applications close **Friday 15 October 2021 at 5pm**.
Successful schools notified by **Friday 29 October 2021.**

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