

STEM Ambassador Program Statement of Expectations

Background

Science & Technology Australia (STA) invests a considerable amount of time and funding into the training provided in this program. It is essential that, as an Ambassador, you understand what is expected of you as part of this program – as well as knowing what you can expect from STA during this time. Due to the high number of applicants expected, and the long-term nature of this project, it is essential that you read and agree to this Statement of Expectations before applying.

Your Role as Ambassador:

- Attend 5 training sessions (totalling no more than 15 hours over six months)
- Organise and attend a minimum of 4 meetings with your Parliamentary colleague (each between 15-30 minutes approximately)
- Read and discuss briefings on national STEM related matters with your Parliamentarian at these meetings
- Provide updates and feedback to Science & Technology Australia
- Participate in 3 surveys to measure program success throughout the year
- Conduct additional research to cover topics your Parliamentarian wishes to discuss

What STA will provide:

- Background information on your Parliamentarian
- Professional development training by experts in the fields of policy, communications, and advocacy
- Briefings on issues facing the STEM sector in Australia
- Facilitation of introductory meetings
- Facilitation of media opportunities with your Parliamentarian colleague
- Discounted attendance to Science meets Parliament 2020

What will you (or your employer) will need to cover:

- Travel costs for your meetings
- Travel, accommodation and discounted registration costs to attend Science meets Parliament 2022 in Canberra

In instances of unexpected hardship, STA will endeavour to support participants in whatever ways we can. However, in applying for this program you are agreeing to take part in all related activity, and effectively and positively represent your field and your sector to the best of your ability.

This program is also not designed to provide a platform for your personal political views. Rather, its aim is to encourage better utilisation of science and evidence in policymaking across the breadth of the political spectrum, in a non-partisan and positive manner.

STA is passionate and excited to have you as a participant in this program, and we look forward to working with our ambassadors to advance the role, reputation and impact of science and technology across the nation.