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Science & Technology Australia

## **RE: Superstar in STEM Scholarship**

Dear Science and Technology Australia,

Dream Big Australia is a not-for-profit organisation I founded to support and nurture women's development in Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). This initiative has recently transitioned from a student-run initiative and achieved status as a not-for-profit.

As Dream Big Australia is within two years of being established as a not-for-profit, I would like to seek Science & Technology Australia's endorsement for being involved as a Superstar in STEM without financial burden. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, Dream Big Australia's Investment Partner contributions have been impacted, as has my professional role. This has meant that I have had to reassess both my personal and business's financial position, and specifically prioritise living expenses during this challenging period. As a result of such circumstances and our organisation's cash flow remaining particularly low, I unfortunately do not have sufficient funds available to financially support my role in the program without scholarship assistance.

As Managing Director of this organisation and a passionate advocate of gender diversity, I believe I can bring value to the Superstar of STEM Program and have confidence in this scholarship affording me the opportunity to have a greater impact on Australia's STEM talent pipeline.

I believe my public speaking and profile in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) industry will allow me to be an asset to Science and Technology Australia, and I hope that my application demonstrates the leadership experience and potential I can bring as a Scholarship recipient. I look forward to discussing with you the value I can provide in enriching Australia's future as a Superstar in STEM.

Yours sincerely,

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