

## **Science & Technology Australia – Superstars of STEM Scholarship Application**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request consideration for the Superstars of STEM financial hardship scholarship. I am currently experiencing a challenging financial situation whereby my income is used to cover my daily expenses, a mortgage and living expenses of my two elderly parents in their sixties, with slight amount left for savings. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed pressure for me to increase my emergency savings in the event of my income being affected due to cost-cutting measures or downsizing by my employer. My partner is also working as a contract employee. His contract is ending in February 2021 with pending confirmation on new opportunity.

Apart from facing the challenges to pay, I am also a woman of colour, with English being my second language. I co-founded a start-up early this year i.e. April 2020 and is yet to receive any return on investment.

I am doing the best I can to support my family and being part of this program is very important for me to make a bigger impact to the society. I am passionate about this initiative, and it would be a great shame if I am unable to participate.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my application. If you require any further information, I can be reached at 0435 040 727 or at [pearling18@gmail.com](mailto:pearling18@gmail.com).

Regards

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