

# Applying to Elevate

## What selected applications had in common

The Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) thanks everyone who applied for an Elevate: Boosting women in STEM scholarship in 2022. With over 1000 exceptional scholarship applications, selecting the first 50 scholars was extremely challenging for our esteemed panel of assessors. ATSE strongly encourages applicants to re-apply in future rounds, provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirements.

To inform future Elevate program applications, we have identified some common elements that all shortlisted applications shared. These include:

- Evidence of leadership potential and/or community-mindedness, e.g. being involved with a local community group, such as a youth organisation or volunteering with a local charity
- Examples of embracing opportunities when available
- Explanation of how the proposed studies will support the applicant's personal, professional and leadership goals
- Description of how the applicant will benefit from the program beyond financial support
- Recognition and explanation of the benefits that accessing inclusive networks—such as with scholars and outside the program—can provide
- Alignment with Elevate's priority degrees and disciplines (please refer to program guidelines for more information on this year's priorities)
- Description of the applicant's intention to access and leverage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander innovations, technologies and knowledge systems (where applicable)
- Description of how the applicant's identity and/or being a member of an underrepresented group has impacted their access to opportunities (where applicable)

## Postgraduate scholarships

There were some additional elements that were common within the selected postgraduate scholarship applications, including:

- Description of how the applicant's proposed research has potential for commercialisation/translation or already has industry input (collaborations of lab and/or supervisor with industry)
- Description of personal and/or professional reason(s) for pursuing the chosen area of study/research

## Leadership scholarships

Selected applicants within the leadership category included the following specific elements in their applications:

- Alignment of personal goals with Elevate objectives
- Explanation of how the program and chosen course of study will support the applicant's leadership/career aspirations
- Desire to support other women and underrepresented groups to build their aspirations and achieve success in STEM study and careers
- Demonstration of active leadership or substantial leadership potential
- Demonstration of effective stakeholder and/or community engagement skills
- Evidence of sound communication skills

For more information about the program, refer to the [ATSE website](#) or contact ATSE:

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## Boosting women in STEM

Elevate is a STEM careers initiative of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering



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