

Curious Minds - girls in STEM

The program is an amazing opportunity to...

- + Make friends & connect with people who love STEM
- + Be mentored & inspired by STEM experts
- + Explore interests in STEM & find new ones
- + Feel more confident in abilities & skills
- + Start building a future in STEM



Curious Minds empowers girls in Year 8, 9 or 10 who are passionate, high performers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) to explore their full potential. Through an eight-month hands-on extension and mentoring program, students will:

Be matched with a STEM Coach for mentoring

Attend Summer Camp in Canberra or Adelaide

Join online Connect catch up sessions

Engage in a STEM Learning Journey

Unite for the online Winter Camp in July



Students will need to...

- + Be highly capable & hard-working
- + Be curious & have a love of learning
- + Be willing to engage & develop confidence
- + Be mature & capable of living away from home
- + Demonstrate potential in one or more STEM subject, including biology, chemistry, computer science/programming, Earth science, engineering, maths or physics

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Applications close 21 October 2024

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Student Selection Criteria

- + Open to young Australian women who will be enrolled in an Australian school for year 8, 9 or 10 in 2025.
- + Attends a school with an Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) values of less than 1000 and/or residing in a rural, regional or remote area of Australia and/or identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- + Demonstrated potential in one or more STEM subjects, including biology, chemistry, computer science/programming, Earth science, engineering, maths or physics, and has the ability to commit to full participation in the program, including two camps and the STEM Coaching program.

Application Process

Students complete the application form on the website, and include

- + A recommendation from one current maths, science or technologies teacher
- + Last two school reports and/or extracts of performance in maths, sciences or digital technologies
- + Results from any major maths or science competition (AMC, CAT, Big Science or other)
- + Any STEM supporting project work, assessment, extra-curricular activity, interests etc.



Program Dates

- + 24 September 2024 - applications open
- + 21 October 2024 - applications close
- + October 2024 - offers commence
- + 1 - 6 December 2024 - Summer Camp 'East' held in Canberra (for students from NSW, ACT, VIC and TAS)
- + 8 - 13 December 2024 - Summer Camp 'West' in Adelaide (for students from SA, WA, NT, and QLD)
- + January to June 2025 - Regular Connect sessions with the group & mentoring sessions with STEM Coach
- + 7 - 11 July 2025 - Winter Camp (online) for all participants

Note, places are limited to 120 girls across Australia and limited to 2 students per school.

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