

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 879**

**Asked on 17 September 2015**

**DR MCVEIGH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON L ENOCH)—**

With reference to the Advance Queensland Initiative—

Will the Minister outline the selection criteria for receiving grants under each program of this initiative and the opening and closing dates for all grants programs under this initiative?

**ANSWER:**

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to delivering our \$180 million Advance Queensland program. Advance Queensland is focused on building a stronger and more diversified economy by creating jobs now and jobs for the future. The Advance Queensland package includes targeted support for entrepreneurs, industry and the research sector.

Through Advance Queensland, the Government is delivering a range of programs including; the Best and Brightest Fund to develop, attract and retain world class talent; the Future Jobs Strategy to open the door to new industry-research collaboration, tackle the big innovation challenges, and focus on translation; and the Business Investment Attraction package to encourage a new wave of Queensland startups, support proof-of-concept projects and attract co-investment.

The selection criteria and eligibility requirements for each grant program have been tailored to ensure that projects are of the highest quality and can deliver the desired outcomes for Queensland. Detailed information on the selection criteria and eligibility for each program is publicly available through the Advance Queensland website. This information is included in program guidelines which are available for applicants to download.

The Premier and Minister for the Arts and I have had the pleasure of opening a range of programs since Advance Queensland was launched in July 2015. The application closing dates for the first round of funding is varied to ensure applicants have sufficient time to submit an application. The application closing dates for Round 1 of funding programs are: 16 October for Research Fellowships; 23 October for PhD Scholarships; 30 October for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Fellowships and PhD Scholarships.

Applications for the Knowledge Transfer Partnerships are assessed quarterly with the first round considering applications received by 6 November 2015.

Applications to the Women's Academic Fund can be submitted any time and are assessed within two weeks.

Additionally, the Advance Queensland Johnson & Johnson Innovation Quick Fire Challenge is open to applications until 30 November. The Challenge is open to any individual, academic, entrepreneur or company that is willing to conduct research and development on a health care innovation within Queensland.

Further information on the application process and dates is available on the Advance Queensland website at <http://advanceqld.initiatives.qld.gov.au/>. Information about new future programs will also be made available as the programs are launched.