

Tips for writing a great application form

- **Start Early**: Give yourself plenty of time to complete the application. Submit your form well before the deadline, as extensions will not be granted.
- Choose the Right Category: Carefully review the category descriptions to ensure your project is a good fit. Selecting the correct category is crucial, it could make the difference between winning and losing.
- Answer the Questions Clearly: Stick to the questions asked. Avoid straying offtopic or providing unnecessary information. Ensure your answers stay within the word limits, as applications exceeding the word count will not be accepted.
- **Support with Evidence:** Include relevant evidence or results that demonstrate your project's achievements. Concrete deliverables or measurable outcomes will strengthen your application and show the real impact of your work.
- **Keep the Judging Criteria in Mind:** Refer to the criteria below as you complete your application to ensure your submission aligns with what the judges are looking for:
 - o **Innovation:** Highlight how your project challenges the norm, thinking creatively to address issues and showing adaptability as the project evolves.
 - Engagement & Communication: Emphasise the strong, mutually beneficial collaboration with partners and stakeholders involved in your project.
 - Strategy: Demonstrate how your project is built around clearly identified goals, prioritised actions and effective communication with stakeholders.
 - Business Impact: Showcase the significant positive effect your project has had on the business community.

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