

TELEMATICS TRUST
SUPPORTING EDUCATION THROUGH INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY
GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

About the Trust	<p>VISION The vision of the Telematics Trust is for technology to transform lives through education and training for the cultural, social and economic benefit of Victorians.</p> <p>MISSION The Telematics Trust is committed to funding initiatives that support this vision by demonstrating innovative use of technology for education and training purposes.</p> <p>The Trust funds initiatives that use technology to reach diverse and disadvantaged groups and address important practical problems and social issues in our community and environment. These initiatives demonstrate the innovative use of technology through education and learning, and they aim to measurably improve the well-being of the community and environment.</p> <p>The Trust provides unique funding opportunities to individuals, Educational Institutions, Government, Business, social enterprises and Not-for-Profit organisations.</p>
How do we help?	<p>The Telematics Trust supports organisations and individuals with one-off grants of up to \$50,000 to invest in an innovative project or initiative in line with its vision and mission</p>
Funding considerations	<p>The Telematics Trust aims to support projects that educate and empower people from diverse backgrounds to learn new things and build their capacity to contribute to society. In particular, the Trust targets and funds innovative projects which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● would be assisted by seeding grants ● are not likely to be supported by other funding bodies
Who can apply?	<p>Applicants must be based in Victoria for the benefit of Victoria and Victorians. There may also be a broader benefit to Australians arising from the project or initiative.</p> <p>Applicants can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● individuals ● educational institutes ● government ● business ● non-profit organisations
Grant eligibility	<p>The Telematics Trust can only accept applications from organisations or individuals that have an Australian Business Number and are based in Victoria.</p>

Funding exclusions and limitations

All projects must:

- be based in Victoria and be for the benefit of Victoria and Victorians. There may also be a broader benefit to Australians arising from the project or initiative.
- be education and/or training driven and market oriented
- have a total budget that includes at least 20% commitment of support from the applicant organisation. This may include in-kind or monetary contributions

The Trust will not fund:

- projects that are >50% infrastructural and/or equipment
- projects that are >10% overheads
- recurring, permanent salaries, however the Trust will fund salaries for special purpose projects (any salaries in the budget must be explained)
- projects that merely translate curriculum materials from one medium to another eg digitalisation of resources
- in-person workshops/training/professional development
- core organisational costs
- projects lacking innovation*
- the same project more than once**
- Other Trusts, Family Trusts or Foundations

* For the purposes of the Telematics Trust, innovation is defined as an idea, device, method or solution that uses technology for education and learning and is either new or demonstrably improves on current alternatives.

In outlining the innovation in funding applications, applicants should be able to demonstrate that their proposed project:

- Improves on current offers/ approaches
- Extends impact/benefits or makes the results more accessible, engaging or effective for Victoria and Victorians, and/or
- Utilises emerging technologies.

**Telematics Trust will not accept applications for the same project more than once. An applicant that has multiple departments or faculties (i.e. Universities) may apply with more than one application per grant round; however, each application must be from a different department or faculty.

Reporting

If your application is successful, you will receive a letter outlining the grant conditions and reporting requirements. These are:

- **Year 1 report:** It is a condition of receiving a grant that grantees provide a short project report and financial acquittal 12 months after the grant has been given.
- **Interim reports:** If the project extends beyond twelve months, ongoing six-monthly progress reports are required until the completion of the project.
- **Year 3 report:** The Trust wishes to understand the longer contribution to the state of Victoria and will seek a short follow up on how the project is doing three years after the grant was made.

Grant frequency	Annual
Grant duration	Single Grants
Application Process	<p>All applications must be submitted via the online application platform. Further instructions can be found on the website.</p> <p>Any applications from Universities must be forwarded through their respective advancement offices as the Trust can only accept one application from a single department or faculty.</p> <p>All applications must include two referee contacts on the application form. These referees will be contacted directly to complete an online reference form. This form must be completed by 8 May 2026. You are recommended to contact your referee before listing them on the form to ensure they are available during this time.</p> <p>Please note: All applications must be submitted in full by 5pm on the closing date. Any incomplete applications or applications received after 5pm will be treated as ineligible.</p>
Video requirements	<p>All Applicants are required to submit a one-to-two minute video that explains your project. This video should be used to add value to your application and include any additional information to support your application. The video must clearly summarise your project by responding to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the educational and learning benefits of this project for Victoria and Victorians - What is the technology you will use and why is this innovative? - What experience do you or your organisation have to ensure the success of this project? <p>Instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The video should only within the timeframe and should contain nothing except the applicants talking. - If you have more than one project lead, try and have all of them in the video <p><i>Please note: This is your chance to stand out and be noticed. Use this opportunity to discuss your point of difference and experience as well as the benefits of your project.</i></p>
Important dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open on Monday 30 March 2026, and ● Close at 5pm on Thursday 30 April 2026 <p>Final recipients will be notified by end of June and grants awarded in July.</p>
Other Considerations	<p>When assessing the strength of grant applications, in addition to satisfying the basic eligibility criteria, funding exclusions and limitations, the Trust may consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The project's reach and target populations, for instance as indicated by:

- the scale and diversity of people or groups who will benefit
- the geographical reach and accessibility of people or groups who will benefit including regional, rural and remote areas
- the nature of the outcomes that will result from the project
- The project's potential to succeed, as suggested by:
 - risk identification and project management approaches
 - capacity to deliver and strength of the team
 - financial and in-kind contributions, from third parties and/or applicant
- The project's innovation and uniqueness
- Other funding already committed from other funding bodies

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