

Top 10 tips for successful MGA bursary applications

LEARN – Get into our heads

1. Research Museums and Galleries Australia. What do we do? What is our purpose?
2. Read the application form and the accompanying information CAREFULLY to find out more about it and check that you are even eligible. Importantly, you need to be an individual member or work for an organization that has an institutional membership.
3. Attend an event. This is a great way to get a better idea of who we are and what we do. It also shows us that you are engaged with the MGA community (which brings us to the next few points).

SHOW – Demonstrate your commitment

4. Make sure you are available to participate in the Conference Insights session so you can share your experiences with other MGA members.
5. Research the conference. What is the theme? Who are the keynote speakers?

PITCH – Let us into your head

6. Think about how the conference will benefit you. Networking? Exposure to new ideas? Opportunity to participate in a conference session?
7. Think about how your attendance at the conference will benefit others. How will you share your experiences? With whom will you share them? Try to identify more than one benefit to others.
8. Identify specific sessions that you would like to attend and explain why.
9. Don't over or underestimate expenses when calculating the amount of funding you are applying for. This lets us know that you have really thought about the resources that you will need to attend the conference.
10. And the usual: be confident but not arrogant in your application, check your spelling, grammar and facts. Be concise and clear and get your application in on time!

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