

The Journey 2018 Frequently asked questions:

### **1. Locations and Dates?**

The inaugural Climate-KIC Australia Journey will take place in Melbourne and Wye River, Victoria.

The Journey will run from Sunday 1st July through to Friday 20th July 2018.

### **2. What can I expect on the 3-week Journey?**

In the first week on location in Melbourne, the residential school provides learning, input - together with site visits - around climate change challenges and opportunities, whilst at the same time kicking off a design-thinking process. In this, participants move together with their teammates swiftly through ideation processes to honing-in on an innovative business idea that adapts to or mitigates climate change within chosen challenge areas.

In week two, the Journey focuses on entrepreneurial content, coaching, and group work towards a business idea, iterating within the frame of a Business Model Canvas. The location will provide participants with a space to focus their whole attention on their team and business idea whilst enjoying a more rural landscape.

Finally, in week 3, teams return to Melbourne to finalise their business idea and receive feedback from experts in the form of a team discussion round. Teams will pitch their business ideas in a pitch event and receive feedback from a jury of experts. Teams are accompanied and supported by two coaches throughout the program.

### **3. How much does The Journey cost?**

Successful applicants will be required to pay \$1350 for the Journey. This fee will have to be paid no longer two weeks after acceptance of a place on The Journey.

### **4. What does the fee cover?**

All accommodation and travel within the three weeks, most meals (participants will be required to cover some dinners), all education and site visits, all training and pitch events.

### **5. Do you pay for my flights to and from Victoria?**

No. All participants are required to get themselves to and from Melbourne at the beginning and end of the Journey.

### **6. I'm from Victoria, can I stay in my own home?**

The Journey is a residential school and as such all participants are required to stay with the cohort through the duration of the three-week program.

### **7. When do I receive the Journey program?**

On acceptance, you will receive an information pack with the main program points and structure of your journey.

A more detailed program will be distributed two weeks before your Journey begins. Please be aware that - as with any residential school - some program points may be subject to change.

### **8. I have been accepted into the program, but I cannot participate, what happens?**

By accepting your place in the program and paying your entry fee, you have agreed to the terms and conditions. If you are unable to participate in the program and you tell us shortly before the Journey begins, cancellation fees will apply. Climate-KIC Australia will have booked accommodation, catering, tuition and travel for you and cannot give your place to other interested applicants at such short notice.

Please ensure you have fully confirmed your availability to attend for the period of the program.

### **9. Do I receive a grade for the Journey?**

The Journey is a non-formal, experiential learning format. As a result, the most important things you will get out of the Journey are experience, personal growth, tools for the future, an entrepreneurial spirit, further climate knowledge, a fantastic network and new friends.

### **10. Is this a start-up competition with a cash prize?**

No. This is an educational program around climate entrepreneurship.

You will work in a team on a Business Idea and have a chance to pitch this at the end, and you will receive detailed feedback on this business idea from experts. But it is not as such a start-up competition, and there is not a cash prize at the end.

If you develop a fantastic idea during the Journey, and would like to continue with it afterwards, Climate-KIC Australia offers a number of pathways forward including The Launchpad, 24-hour Climathons, as well as an Accelerator program, which we encourage you to apply for following the Journey.

### **11. What happens if I get sick during the Journey and have to skip parts of the program?**

The Journey is a full-time, intensive course – with a packed schedule each week Mon-Friday and often preparation work or travel over the weekend. Full-time attendance is expected by all participants.

Obviously, we understand that if participants fall sick, their participation may be limited for a few days. In case you are feeling unwell, we ask you to immediately inform the coaches. There is a doctor's number in each location specific handbook, and the coach can help you in contacting a doctor. If you will miss parts of the program, it is up to you to make up for the lost time with your team members.

It is not possible to skip any elements of the program. This is a full-time residential school starting from around 09:00 and finishing around 17:30 each day, some days with additional evening networking events. Every session is a compulsory part of the journey. Participants

cannot be excused for separate sessions due to Skype calls, work assignments or any other reason.

The Journey is an extremely popular program with a very selective recruitment process and limited places available, and it would not be fair on the many excellent and motivated people who applied but were not selected if you were to join the school but do not make full use of the offer available.

It is crucial that all participants receive the same input and understand what everyone else has been taught. People in your team might not be aware of the topics discussed and they want to acquire that knowledge. We realize that some of the participants have more relevant knowledge in climate science topics or business development. We advise in those cases to help your team members with your deeper knowledge, which also contributes to better performance of your team.

### **12. Will I have some free time?**

The Journey sessions take place from around 09:00 to around 17.30 each day, with some evening networking events. After the program in the evenings, you will have free time. Weekends are also free when there is not travel organized between locations. Please be aware though that the Journey is a full-time intensive program. It is this focus and intensity of the program that makes it so enriching and rewarding! If you are looking for a touristy free-time residential school, this may not be the right program for you.

### **13. Do I need to organise my own food?**

On all program days' breakfast and lunch are provided. On some evenings, a networking dinner will be organized. Other evenings and occasionally on the weekend you will have to buy and organize your own food. Sometimes the accommodation is equipped with kitchens, so that you can cook together with other participants.

### **14. Can I bring my partner/family/friends on the Journey with me?**

No. As the Journey is an extremely popular program with a very selective recruitment process and limited places available and costs Climate-KIC a lot of effort and resources to organize accommodation, food and tuition, only those who have been accepted through the application process can attend.

### **15. Who is eligible for the Journey?**

Honours students, postgraduate students and early career professionals (1-5 years' experience).

### **16. I am international student am I eligible for the Journey?**

Yes, we will accept applications from International students residing in Australia but, please note only Australian citizens or permanent residents can be considered for the Victorian Government scholarships.

### **17. Is there an age limit for the Journey?**

No, we have no age limit for the Journey and we encourage applications from people of any age.

**18. Can you tell me more about the Victorian Government Scholarships?**

The Victorian Government Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning has generously provided scholarship places for up to ten Victorian students. To be eligible to apply, students must hold Australian citizenship or permanent residency and be enrolled as a domestic (local) postgraduate student at a Victorian university and have a demonstrated interest in climate change, innovation and entrepreneurship - and the motivation to make a difference. Regional applicants and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander postgraduate students in particular are encouraged to apply.