2027 Pathways Alum Mentoring Application Form

Form Preview

Welcome

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Pathways Alum Mentoring (PAM) Program

The Pathways Alum Mentoring (PAM) program is designed to empower and support alums of the Pathways to Politics for Women program who plan to run for office in the next five years.
About the application
You will be asked a series of brief questions about:

- Your political aspirations
- Steps already taken towards public office
- Key skill and/or experience gaps
- Priority areas you wish to progress during your mentoring experience

Selection process
Participants will be selected on a competitive basis. Selection criteria:

- Commitment to seeking elected office
- Leadership experience
- Professional and life experience
- Political engagement
- Readiness for mentoring relationship

A Selection Committee will choose the PAM cohort and undertake matching successful applicants to a relevant mentor. The Selection Committee will be guided by the principles of multi-partisanship, diversity and equity that inform selection into the Pathways to Politics for Women program.

We will email to inform you of the outcome of your application by early December.

Applications are now open and close at 11:59pm on Friday 20 November 2026

PRIVACY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By submitting this application form, I acknowledge that Pathways to Politics for Women will collect and use my personal information for the purposes of assessing and administering this application and related program activities, in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth). I understand that some information may be sensitive in nature and will be handled with care. I have read and understood the Privacy Policy: https://pathwaystopolitics.org.au/privacy-policy/

Please confirm you have read the above: *

○ I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Policy and wish to continue.

At which University did you complete (or are currently completing) Pathways to Politics for Women? *

Note: Due to capacity and existing mentoring commitments, unfortunately we are unable to offer mentoring at the University of Canberra in 2027. We look forward to offering mentoring at UC again in 2028.

Contact

If you have questions relating to the PAM program or the application process, please contact pathways-to-politics@unimelb.edu.au

Contact

If you have questions relating to the PAM program or the application process, please contact pathwaystopolitics@cdu.edu.au

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If you have questions relating to the PAM program or the application process, please contact p2p@qut.edu.au

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If you have questions relating to the PAM program or the application process, please contact pathways.to.politics@unsw.edu.au

Contact

If you have questions relating to the PAM program or the application process, please contact pathwayssa@adelaide.edu.au

Due to capacity and existing mentoring commitments, unfortunately we are unable to offer mentoring at the University of Canberra in 2027.

Only proceed with the application form if you are intending to run for election in a different state/territory and wish to undertake a mentorship in that jurisdiction.

For queries relating to mentoring at the University of Canberra, please contact the UC Pathways to Politics team at: pathways-to-politics@canberra.edu.au

Contact

If you have questions relating to the PAM program or the application process, please contact pathwaystopolitics@uwa.edu.au

Contact

If you have questions relating to the PAM program or the application process, please contact pathways.to.politics@utas.edu.au

Have you received mentoring through Pathways to Politics previously? *
○ Yes ○ No ○ Other:

Please provide further details: *

Time Commitment

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The Pathways Alum Mentoring (PAM) program will run for approximately eight months, beginning in early 2027. Selected participants will engage in at least four one-hour mentoring sessions (or equivalent), with flexible scheduling to suit both mentors and mentees.Mentoring sessions are predominantly conducted online via a mutually convenient tool of your choice (e.g. Zoom), though in some cases mentees and mentors may choose to meet in person. **It is the responsibility of the mentee to drive the mentoring partnership**, this includes making initial contact and setting up all of the mentoring meetings.Further information on expectations and policies can be found on our website here: https://pathwaystopolitics.org.au/about/pathways-alum-mentoring/

Please indicate that you have read the above and can fulfil this requirement. *
○ I commit to meeting the requirements of the mentoring program.

Applicant Details

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Applicant Name *
Title First Name Last Name

Preferred name (optional)

Please provide your suburb and postcode *
Address

Full address is not required.

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

What year did you take part in the Pathways to Politics for Women? *

Equity

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Pathways to Politics for Women is committed to minimising barriers for all women entering politics. We recognise that some applicants experience disadvantages that may impact their political opportunities. To assist us in helping to increase diverse female representation in all levels of government, we ask that you identify if any of the equity criteria apply to you.

Please indicate whether you identify with any of the following criteria (select all that apply): *

☐ Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
☐ Identify as LGBTQIA+
☐ Disadvantaged socio-economic circumstances
☐ Difficult personal circumstances
☐ Live in a regional, rural or remote area
☐ Person with a disability and/or chronic medical condition
☐ Person from a culturally and linguistically diverse background
☐ Previous status as a refugee or current holder of a humanitarian visa
☐ None of the above
☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Other:

Occupation Details

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Which of the following best describes the industry or field you are currently working in? (select ONE) *

- ○ Administrative and Support Services
- ○ Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
- ○ Arts and Recreation Services
- ○ Community Services and Not-for-Profit Sector
- ○ Construction and Trades
- ○ Consulting and Advisory Services
- ○ Education and Training
- ○ Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services
- ○ Financial and Insurance Services
- ○ Health Care and Social Assistance (including Emergency Services)
- ○ Hospitality, Accommodation and Food Services
- ○ Information Media and Telecommunications
- ○ Legal and Justice Services
- ○ Manufacturing
- ○ Mining and Resources
- ○ Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- ○ Public Sector, Government, Defence
- ○ Real Estate and Property Services
- ○ Retail and Wholesale Trade
- ○ Transport, Postal and Warehousing
- ○ Currently between roles / seeking work
- ○ Student
- ○ Retired
- ○ Other:

Please state your current occupation (include your role and name of organisation) *

Must be at least 10 characters.

Please state your most recent occupation (include your role and name of organisation) *

Must be at least 10 characters.

Are you currently, or have you previously, worked for any members of parliament? If so, please provide further details: *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.
note: If no, please enter N/A

Pathways Alum Mentoring Matching Information

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The following questions will help us understand more about your engagement with Australian politics and policy.

Do you have an active membership with a political party? *
○ No – I am not currently a member of a political party
○ No – I intend to run as an Independent
○ Yes – Australian Greens
○ Yes – Australian Labor Party
○ Yes – Country Liberal Party
○ Yes – Liberal Party of Australia
○ Yes – Liberal National Party of Queensland
○ Yes – The National Party of Australia
○ Other:

Is there a political party your values align with but haven't yet joined? (select one) *
○ No – I am unsure which party aligns with my values
○ No – I intend to run as an Independent
○ Yes – Australian Greens
○ Yes – Australian Labor Party
○ Yes – Country Liberal Party
○ Yes – Liberal Party of Australia
○ Yes – Liberal National Party of Queensland
○ Yes – The National Party of Australia
○ Other:

Would you like to add any further details?

Have you PREVIOUSLY been affiliated with a different political party? This includes previous party membership, or if you supported and/or your values aligned with a particular political party (select all that apply) *
☐ No – I have not been affiliated with any other political party
☐ No – I am an Independent
☐ Yes – Australian Greens
☐ Yes – Australian Labor Party

☐ Yes – Country Liberal Party
☐ Yes – Liberal Party of Australia
☐ Yes – Liberal National Party of Queensland
☐ Yes – The National Party of Australia
☐ Other:

Please provide further details (including time of affiliation) *

Must be between 5 and 100 words.

What level of Government do you intend to run for? *

You have selected State or Federal, please indicate Upper or Lower House *

You have selected 'unsure', please provide further details *

Word count:
Must be no more than 50 words.

Which electorate do you plan to run in? *

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Since completing the Pathways to Politics program, what steps have you taken to run for office? (select all that apply) *

☐ I have run for election and/or won an election
☐ I have won preselection
☐ I have run for preselection
☐ I plan to run for preselection and/or elected office
☐ I have volunteered for and/or contributed to an election campaign
☐ I have sought discussions with elected members, councillors, or senior party officials in regards to candidacy
☐ None of the above – I am just starting my political journey
☐ Other:

Please provide details of the steps you have taken so far: *

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These questions will help us understand more about your political aspirations, commitment to run, and your engagement with Australian politics and policy.*Please note: the following questions have strict word limits.*

In the future, when do you plan to take further steps towards pre-selection/office? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words

Tell us more about your political aspirations and how you are working towards these goals. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words

Briefly share what skill and/or experience gaps you currently face. What would be the priority areas you would like to focus on over the next year? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words

What are the THREE key things you would like to get out of a mentoring relationship? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 100 words

What growth areas do you think will be most helpful for your journey to political office? (Select your top three) *

☐ Improving my campaigning skills

☐ Being more confident about running
☐ Increasing my knowledge about how to run for office
☐ Increasing understanding of political office life
☐ Receiving encouragement from a trusted source
☐ Receiving advice on preselection/party machines/nomination
☐ Strengthening my network of people with political experience
☐ Other:

Supporting Material

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All applicants are required to provide at least one of the following supporting materials: A current curriculum vitae/résumé (no longer than three pages) and/or a link to their LinkedIn page.

Please select which supporting material you would like to provide: *
☐ Curriculum vitae / Résumé
☐ LinkedIn URL
At least 1 choice must be selected.

Applicant CV *
Attach a file:

LinkedIn URL *

Must be a URL.

Any additional comments you'd like to share?

Confirmation

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Thank you for your interest in Pathways Alum Mentoring

We thank you for your time and effort in preparing your application. You will be given the chance to review your answers before submitting your form.

Declaration *

○ I declare that all information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____Please ensure you click ‘NEXT PAGE’ and 'SUBMIT' to finalise your application before closing this window.

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