

2021 Application Form: Pathways to Politics

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Welcome

Changing the face of politics

The [Pathways to Politics Program for Women](#) is designed to redress the continued under-representation of women in Australian politics, by equipping women with the skills and knowledge to succeed in running for elected office, and to thrive as political leaders. Now in its sixth year, the Program is a proudly non-partisan initiative open to female graduates of Victorian universities, which places an emphasis on skills training, good governance, leadership and fostering strong bonds between participants.

Participants will be selected on a competitive basis. The selection criteria are as follows:

- Commitment to seeking elected office
- Leadership experience
- Professional and life experience
- Political engagement
- Ability to tell your story in a compelling way.

All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee made up of representatives from the University of Melbourne, Trawalla Foundation and alumnae of the Program. The Program places a strong emphasis on multi-partisanship and equity in selection and seeks a cohort of women with diverse life and professional experiences.

The Program provides a safe space for women of diverse backgrounds, professions, cultures, and ideologies to fulfil their shared aspiration to pursue public office. In accepting a place in the Pathways to Politics Program for Women participants commit to the maintenance of a supportive and inclusive environment by agreeing to abide by the standards of behaviour outlined in the Program's Code of Conduct.

About the Application

Applications are now open and close at 3pm on Friday 7 May 2021.

The Pathways to Politics Program for Women application is comprised of four sections:

- Eligibility questions: these short questions help our Selection Committee to determine your eligibility for the program.
- Scenario-based questions: these questions will help us understand more about your personal and professional leadership experience, political aspirations and commitment to run, and your engagement with Australian politics and policy. These questions have a 250-word limit.
- CV: Please ensure your CV is no longer than three pages and includes three referees.
- 90-second Video: this provides an opportunity for you to pitch what you will bring to the Program and what impact you can make in the political realm.

Contact us

If you need assistance with your application or have any questions, please contact the Pathways team at pathways-to-politics@unimelb.edu.au

Eligibility

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Pathways to Politics Eligibility Criteria

Please note there are specific eligibility requirements for this Program. We request that you confirm your eligibility before continuing with the form.

1. I am an Australian citizen/Australian permanent resident/holder of a permanent Humanitarian Visa, and identify as a woman.

2. I have completed the following level of education:

- I hold an undergraduate and/or an honours, masters or doctoral degree* from a Victorian university;

or

- I hold an undergraduate and/or an honours, masters or doctoral degree* from a university outside Victoria and have resided in Victoria for the last five years;

or

- I am currently enrolled in a masters or doctoral degree* at a Victorian university.

** Eligibility waivers may be considered in exceptional circumstances. If you are seeking a waiver of the tertiary education eligibility requirement on the basis of equivalent experience, please contact the Chair of the Selection Committee at pathways-to-politics@unimelb.edu.au to discuss.*

Please confirm you are eligible for this program. *

- I am eligible for the Pathways to Politics Program

Time Commitment

The 2021 program will be delivered both in face-to-face and online formats, with the majority of modules delivered face-to-face (subject to public health advice). Women who are accepted into the program must be able to attend a minimum of eight scheduled modules.

Module dates and times are listed below:

1. Saturday 14 August 2021, 9:00am-5:00pm
2. Thursday 26 August 2021, 5:30pm-9:30pm
3. Thursday 9 September 2021, 5:30pm-9:30pm
4. Thursday 16 September 2021, 5:30pm-9:30pm
5. Saturday 9 October 2021, 5:30pm-9:30pm
6. Thursday 21 October 2021, 5:30pm-9:30pm
7. Thursday 28 October 2021, 5:30pm-9:30pm
8. Thursday 4 November 2021, 5:30pm-9:30pm
9. Thursday 11 November 2021, 5:30pm-9:30pm
10. Thursday 25 November 2021, 5:30pm-9:30pm

Please indicate whether you can fulfil this requirement. *

- I commit to the meeting the minimum attendance requirement for the program

Equity

Valuing Diversity

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We are passionate about eliminating systemic barriers that may inhibit women from political participation. We welcome women from diverse backgrounds to apply.

Do you identify with any of the following groups?

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Previous status as a refugee or current holder of a humanitarian visa
- Rural or isolated background
- Disadvantaged socio-economic circumstances
- Person with a disability and/or chronic medical condition
- Person from a culturally and linguistically diverse background
- None of the above
- Prefer not to say
- Other:

Please select all that apply.

Applicant Details

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Applicant Details

Applicant Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Primary Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.

Phone Number *

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Please list your tertiary qualifications, including name of qualification, year of completion and institution.

e.g: - Bachelor of Engineering, University of Melbourne, 2005 | - Masters of Business Administration, University of Queensland, 2012 | NOTE: If you are seeking a waiver of the tertiary education eligibility requirement on the basis of equivalent experience, please note this below and contact the Chair of the Selection Committee at pathways-to-politics@unimelb.edu.au to discuss.

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Are you affiliated with a political party? Including current or previous party membership, or if you support and/or your values align with a particular political party. *

What steps have you taken or plan to take toward your aspiration to run for elected office? Please select all that apply from the following list: *

- 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
- None of the above - I am just starting my political journey
- Other:

At least 1 choice must be selected.

How did you hear about Pathways to Politics? *

Political Scenarios

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Scenario Based Questions

These questions will help us understand more about your personal and professional leadership experience, political aspirations and commitment to run, and your engagement with Australian politics and policy. These questions have a 250-word limit.

Tell us about your political aspirations and which level of politics you see yourself realising these goals (local government, state government, federal government, unsure)? What steps have you taken toward realising these goals? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Tell us about an instance where you have drawn on your personal and professional leadership experience to motivate and influence those around you *

Word count:

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You are working on your election campaign communications strategy. What will you highlight about your professional and life experience to speak to your potential as a candidate? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

You have been elected and are preparing your first speech to parliament. Briefly outline the key issue you stand for and what you propose to do on behalf of your community *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Supporting Material

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Your Video Pitch

All applicants are required to submit a 90 second video outlining what they will bring to the program, and what impact they can make in the political realm. Give us a sense of your story by telling us what brought you to apply; about your political aspirations and what you hope to contribute to and gain from the program.

In formulating your pitch it might help to imagine you are addressing a community group or a pre-selection committee hoping to win their support to run for election.

NOTE: please include a link to your pitch video below. We recommend using a cloud based file sharing platform (e.g. Vimeo, YouTube, Google Drive, Dropbox, etc). Please ensure that your video is not password protected and is able to be viewed by anyone with this link for at least 3 months.

Applicant Pitch Video *

Your CV

All applicants are required to submit a CV including the names and details of three referees. Please ensure your CV is no longer than three pages. *NOTE: please include a link to your CV. We recommend uploading your CV as a PDF file to a cloud based file sharing platform (e.g. Google Drive, Dropbox, etc). Please ensure that your CV is not password protected and is able to be viewed by anyone with this link for at least 3 months.*

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Applicant CV *

Thank you for your interest in Pathways to Politics

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Confirmation

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

Please agree to the following statement before submitting your application. *

I confirm that all of the information I have provided is true and correct.