

FECCA urges CALD Australians to apply for Journalism Programs

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) today called on culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) organisations and individuals to make use of the Federal Government's new journalism scholarship and cadetship programs.

The new Government initiative, the *Regional and Small Publishers Jobs and Innovation Package*, offers three programs to support journalism and employment in the news media industry in regional Australia.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos, said today: "This is a great opportunity for small media businesses as well as young aspiring journalists in regional Australia.

"FECCA congratulates the Government on this initiative. We have been advised that publishers which target CALD communities and publish in languages other than English can apply.

"FECCA is committed to promoting diversity in Australian journalism and we also urge CALD Australians to apply for the scholarships and cadetships being offered."

The three programs are:

- Regional and Small Publishers Innovation Fund (\$48 million over three years);
- Regional and Small Publishers Cadetship Program (\$8 million over two years); and
- Regional Journalism Scholarships Program (\$2.4 million over two years).

Further information for the Innovation Fund is available at

www.acma.gov.au/theacma/innovation-fund-for-regional-and-small-publishers

Further information for the Cadetships Program and the Scholarships Program are available at

<https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/television/regional-and-small-publishers-jobs-and-innovation-package>

Applications for all three programs need to be made through GrantConnect at www.grants.gov.au. Guidelines for all three programs are also published on GrantConnect.

Applications close at 5pm on 27 July 2018.

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. Our role is to advocate and promote issues on behalf of our constituency to government, business and the broader community.

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