The NSW Industry Collaboration Award recognises an exemplary skills development collaboration between at least one employer/industry body and at least one organisation delivering nationally recognised training.

Collaboration versus Partnership

A ‘collaboration’ is where two or more parties work together to achieve shared goals. A ‘partnership’ is a business structure where two or more parties enter a contractual relationship in which they can legally share profits, risks and losses according to terms set out in their partnership agreement.

The key difference between a partnership and a collaboration is that parties who work collaboratively do not necessarily need to be bound contractually. This award is to recognise outstanding collaborations, not partnerships.

Eligibility Criteria

To nominate for the Industry Collaboration Award:

- at least one party must be an industry organisation (e.g. employer, enterprise, group of enterprises, industry association, industry advisory body, trade union or professional association); and
- at least one party must be delivering nationally recognised training or directly contributing to the outcomes of nationally recognised training which leads to formal qualifications or Statements of Attainment under the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Please note that nominations will not be accepted from organisations operating under contractual ‘partnership’ agreements.

Preparing your application

Section A: Overview

This information will not be considered or used for short listing or judging purposes, but it may be used as a summary of your organisation throughout the Awards process.

Provide an overview of the collaboration (500 word limit)

Consider including:

- name of the collaboration
- lead organisation and each of the parties to the collaboration
- purpose and objectives of the collaboration
- origin of the collaboration (how the parties came together)
- details of the environment in which the collaboration operates
- how the collaboration functions in practice, including lines of communication between the parties to the collaboration

For more information or assistance with your application

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Section B: Entry Criteria

This award category requires the applicant to address the following award criteria. Please be aware that your responses to the criteria will be strengthened by the inclusion of measurable results and appropriate indicators (including customer satisfaction data and other types of external validation).

The considerations listed under each criterion are provided to clarify what to include when writing against the criteria.

Criterion 1: Outstanding practice of the collaboration (800 word limit)

Describe the extent to which the collaboration goes above and beyond standard practice in training and skills development. For example, you may consider:

- excellence in training
- unique, exemplary or innovative aspects
- e-learning initiatives
- transformation in the lives of participants
- contribution to the advancement of the industry/community in which it operates

Criterion 2: Achievements of the collaboration for training (800 word limit)

Consider:

- training outcomes achieved [including qualifications and skill sets awarded]
- improvements in the quality of learning and assessment
- creation of new or improved career pathways and opportunities
- contribution to social equity, especially increasing the participation of people from groups under-represented in the industry or workplaces generally
- can the outcomes of the collaboration be replicated or modelled for other industries

Criterion 3: Training impacts of the collaboration (800 word limit)

Consider benefits to the:

- employer/industry body and its employees
- organisation delivering nationally recognised training
- individuals involved in the collaboration
- community and/or region
- industry and/or industry sector
- the relevant Training Authority and the broader training system.
- improvements in the processes/procedures of all collaborating organisations

Criterion 4: Sustainability and future of the collaboration (800 word limit)

Consider:

- potential for the collaboration to be sustained in the future
- systems of quality improvement that are being utilised by the collaboration
- performance evaluations of the collaboration that are in place and planned
- the collaboration’s contribution to environmental sustainability
- capacity for the collaboration to be replicated
- plans for expansion or adoption in other settings

Supporting Attachments

The award criteria should be the focus of your nomination; however any relevant evidence may be provided to support your nomination.

Consider including:

» Logo
Organisation logo in high resolution (EPS, TIFF, JPEG or PNG at 300 dpi)

» CEO/MD Endorsement
An endorsement letter the Chief Executive Officer or Managing Director of the organisation supporting the nomination

» Photographs
Organisation photographs in high resolution (JPEG, TIFF or PNG format at 300 dpi) to showcase the organisation or initiative. See ‘Photography Brief’.

Applications close 15 March 2019