

# **About Big Ideas**

ANSTO Big Ideas encourages students to creatively communicate the work of an Australian scientist and explain how their work has inspired them to come up with a Big Idea to make our world a better place. It is intended to engage and support Australian students in years 7-10 in Science and encourage them to pursue studies and careers in STEM.

### **Prizes**

#### **YEAR 10**

Win one of six 5-day science experiences to ANSTO Sydney Campus for two students and one teacher.

### **YEAR 7-9**

Win one of four 4-day science experiences to ANSTO Melbourne (Australian Synchrotron) for two students and one teacher.

Included in the all-expenses paid experience are site visits, lab sessions with ANSTO scientists, social outings, excursions to partnering science facilities, and teacher professional development sessions (ANSTO is endorsed by NESA and TQI).

### **Key dates**

Entries close	September 20, 2020
Winners notified	September 28, 2020
Winners announced	October 5, 2020
ANSTO Science Experience Sydney (Y10)	November 8-12, 2020
Synchrotron Science Experience Melbourne (Y7-9)	November 22-25, 2020

## Who can enter?

Entry is free and open to all year 7-10 students studying in Australia with the support of their teacher. Entries must be submitted by the teacher and teams must be made up of two students from either Y10 or Y7-9.

## Why enter?

Big Ideas is a creative and engaging student activity that encourages students to think about and research areas/ topics of Science that they are passionate about. It can be utilised in class or assigned as independent study and can be linked to Australian Curriculum Science Learning Area content descriptions for each year level.

Big Ideas can be used to cover aspects of the Australian Curriculum Science Learning Area

#### **How to enter**

- 1 Visit our website for full entry guidelines and ideas on how to incorporate Big Ideas into your classroom.
- 2 Students make a 2 minute video showcasing an Australian Scientist and their Big Idea
- 3 Submit entries by September 20, 2020, along with the relevant permission forms



