



CoLab invites high school students to learn about scientific research through first-hand exposure and challenges them to develop artworks inspired by the research and their experience.

The artworks will be exhibited at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) during Beaker Street Festival in August. This is an amazing experience for the students, and also provides a new way to communicate scientific research — in a fun, innovative, and inclusive way — to a public audience.

CoLab gives participating students a rare, real-life insight into what it's like to be a scientist, providing inspiring and relatable mentors. It helps them connect with the current research and topics that affect their lives and helps them see their own potential in a new light, maybe even leading to a career in science/STEM.

The project also benefits teachers too, including experimenting with new forms of science education and supporting disengaged students to reach their potential.

We will be selecting two schools to participate in our 2026 project and are currently seeking expressions of interest.

In order to participate in CoLab we ask for the following requirements to be met.

- Each school will be required to help us to identify 6 suitable candidates. We ask for the opportunity to present the project to years 9-12. We will then ask for applications to be made by students, but also for teachers to be involved in identifying the students who will gain the most from the experience.
- Once selected, students **MUST** be available for the following activities:
 - A morning tea meet and greet with scientists to be held at school.
 - Two fully catered workshops to be held at TMAG.

- A lab visit with their research scientist.
- Students must have the capacity to attend regular artist mentor catch up sessions which will be held at school.
- Each school must provide a suitable room for artist mentor sessions. Art materials will be provided.
- Each school must provide a teacher to attend the workshops at TMAG.
- Students must attend the exhibition launch event at TMAG.

2026 KEY DATES:

- TERM 1, Week 3: Present opportunity to students
- TERM 1, Week 6: Students selected
- TERM 1, WEEK 7: Morning tea
- 2nd of APRIL: TMAG Workshop 1
- TERM 1, WEEKS 10-11 : Lab visit
- 11th of JUNE: TMAG Workshop 2
- 15th of AUGUST: Exhibition Launch at TMAG

If you'd like to offer a CoLab experience to your students, or are interested in our digital resources, please send an email to our Beaker Street CoLab Coordinator, lucy@beakerstreet.com.au.