

Anyone Can Build Pre-Accelerator Program



Supporting CaLD Women Founders in Queensland

About The Creative Co-operative

The Creative Co-operative (TCCO) is a social enterprise powered by and for Bla(c)k Women and Women of Colour (BWoC). We run programs that advance the economic power of Bla(c)k Women and Women of Colour through innovation, digital inclusion, and business support across Australia.

Our goal: Support Queensland female founders in innovative businesses, such as startups [1] and scaleups with high-growth potential, and assist them in taking their IDEs [2] to the next stage, creating connections, and accessing opportunities that will continue to provide impact for founders and their businesses.

The Program

Anyone Can Build is a 13-week pre-accelerator program designed to empower CALD women founders in Queensland to start a business.

Format:

- 13 weeks, delivered remotely
- Two in-person events in Queensland (kick-off and pitch showcase)

What You'll Gain

- ✓ **Scholarship-funded placement** (program valued at \$4,995 – free to all accepted participants)
- ✓ **13 weeks of learning** through online modules and interactive workshops
- ✓ **Dedicated mentor** assigned for guidance and accountability
- ✓ **Expert-led sessions** on specialised startup topics
- ✓ **Peer learning community** through optional office hours
- ✓ **Co-matched funding** opportunity (up to \$1,000 for eligible participants – GST inclusive)
- ✓ **Pitch showcase** to present to industry professionals
- ✓ **In-person networking** at kick-off and pitch showcase
- ✓ **Program personnel** with lived experience who understand your journey
- ✓ **After-hours scheduling** for founders working during the day

[1] We define a startup as a human institution designed to create a new product or service under conditions of extreme uncertainty.

[2] IDE (Innovation-driven enterprise): a business that emphasises innovative solutions as a key driver of growth, competitive advantage, and value creation. Such enterprises focus on developing and commercialising new products and/or services to achieve their strategic outcomes.

Application

WHO CAN APPLY

You're eligible if you:

- 18+, women-identifying and based in Queensland
- From a culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background. We encourage regional women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to apply.
- Already have a business idea and are at the prototype/prototyped stage

HOW WE'LL CHOOSE PARTICIPANTS

Applications are reviewed based on:

- **Eligibility:** You meet all program requirements
- **Business readiness:** You have an existing business or an Innovation-driven enterprise (IDE) ready to scale (not just an idea)
- **Growth mindset:** You show curiosity and commitment to learning
- **Commitment:** You can dedicate the required time
- **Fit:** Your business goals align with what the program offers

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Weekly Time Commitment (1.5–2 contact hours)

- 1 × 60-minute Ask Me Anything session with subject matter experts (fortnightly) *
- 1 × 60-minute mentoring session with your assigned mentor (fortnightly) *
- 1 × 60-minute office hours with facilitators and cohort (fortnightly)

Self-Paced Work (2–5 hours weekly)

Work through online modules and apply what you learn through practical exercises (flexible timing for after work or weekends)

Key Events

- **Kick-off Event (In-person)**
Meet your cohort, attend a Founder AMA, and get set up for success
- **Pitch Showcase (In-person)**
Eligible participants pitch to a panel and audience for personalised, practical feedback.

APPLICATION DATES

The application will be reviewed on a rolling basis. We highly recommend that you apply as soon as the application starts.

Cohort 3 Applications are from 2 December 2025 to 8 February 2026 at 11:59 PM AEST

Applications submitted after the closing date will not be considered until the next cohort.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit your application [here](#)

What you'll need:

- Completed application form (takes 10–20 minutes)
- Brief responses about your business, goals, and commitment

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to a brief interview.

If you have any questions, reach out to us at: hello@thecco.com.au

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