



# Australasian Pork Research Institute Ltd **APRIL**

## **APRIL KICKSTART PROGRAM**

### **OVERVIEW AND GUIDELINES**

#### **What is the APRIL Kickstart Program?**

The Kickstart Program is a new initiative that can provide up to \$7,500 for an individual/organisation(s) to assist with the preparation and submission of a specific, targeted and agreed major **external** funding application (or applications) in partnership with APRIL and other partners.

Significant external funding pools exist both nationally and internationally for potential investment. The Kickstart Program aims to increase the number of applications that are prepared and submitted to external funding organisations that ultimately increase the funding pool to undertake more of APRIL's activities, in alignment with Transformational Project and Industry Priority Project priorities in the Strategic Plan (<http://apri.com.au/about-april/>).

Expressions of Interest for project applications not seeking Kickstart funds may also be submitted but must adhere to the same principle of being a specific, targeted major external funding application in partnership with APRIL (and other partners), in alignment with the APRIL Strategic Plan.

#### **How can I apply for the funds?**

Complete an Expression of Interest form (available at <http://apri.com.au/research/funding-opportunities/>) and email it to Professor John Pluske, APRIL CEO/Chief Scientist, at [j.pluske@april.org.au](mailto:j.pluske@april.org.au).

#### **What is the Kickstart budget and what are the rules for payment?**

There is only a limited budget, with a maximum amount of \$7,500 per award.

A total of 50% of the funds are payable upon signing a Letter of Agreement with APRIL and the remaining 50% of the funds are paid upon verifiable, successful submission of the research grant.

Grants must be written and submitted within 6 months of the Kickstart funding being awarded.

APRIL must be an eligible participant in the funding scheme being applied for.

**What is the selection process and the review criteria?**

Expressions of Interest will be reviewed by members of the APRIL Research and Development Advisory Committee and external reviewers appropriate to the field(s) of proposed study.

The review process will consider the: (1) significance and potential impacts of the research program for the Australasian pork industry; (2) alignment to the APRIL Strategic Plan; (3) significance of the collaborations and their relevance for the goals of the proposed research; (4) funding scheme being applied for and the likelihood of obtaining external funding; and (5) scope of the financial leverage that a successful application would bring to APRIL and its partners in the project.

Once a Kickstart Program award has been granted, APRIL can work collaboratively with the Project Leader/Project Consortium in developing the research proposal.

**What is the timing?**

The first tranche of Kickstart funding assistance will be for successful Expression of Interests submitted by 16 October 2020.