



APRIL POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Aim and Context

The Postgraduate Research Scholarship program of the Australasian Pork Research Institute Ltd. (APRIL) aims to encourage high-quality students to engage with APRIL members and stakeholders, and the Australasian pork industry more broadly, by undertaking research within a postgraduate program of study.

Value

The value of the award depends on the scheme applied for:

- Students undertaking a MS/MSc/MPhil that contains a defined research component may apply for support for that component of the Award. The maximum value of the award will be up to AU \$5,000.

The number of scholarships granted, and the final value of each award, is at the discretion of APRIL.

Eligibility

Who can apply?

- Students who wish to/are currently enrolled in a postgraduate research program on a full-time basis in an Australian or New Zealand university.
- Note: any scholarship offer made under this scheme is contingent upon the student being accepted into a postgraduate research program by the host institution.

Guidelines

Research projects

- The project should align with the overall objectives of the CRC-Project (CRC-P), *Eliminating Pig Tail Removal to Improve Welfare and Industry Sustainability*. However, consideration may be given for a related activity.
- The application must show that the project has clearly defined aims achievable within the scope of a postgraduate research program.
- Suitable resources must be available within the organisation(s) to support the completion of the student.

Supervision

- All supervisors must have a clear track record of student supervision and student completion.
- Before submitting their application, students should discuss their proposal with their intended supervisor/s.



Other requirements

- Scholarship holders may be asked to present a seminar at the end of the postgraduate research program, and (or) at an appropriate time, as determined by APRIL.
- All theses, presentations and papers arising from the research conducted as part of this scholarship must be received by, and given acknowledge to, the support of APRIL.
- By applying the student agrees to all requirements of the Scholarship contained in an Agreement, including submitting a report at the end of the Scholarship.

Criteria for assessment

- Academic record and *curriculum vitae* of the applicant.
- The applicant's research potential including the research proposal.
- The applicant's personal statement outlining the reasons for applying.
- The applicant's proposed research and stated aims align with the overall objectives of the CRC-P.
- Evidence of industry endorsement/relevance.
- The nominated supervisor/s capacity and availability to oversee the project.
- A communication and delivery plan.
- The project is feasible within the timeframe and requirements of a postgraduate program of study.

Important dates

Applications open: 30 May 2022.

Applications close: 8 July 2022.

How to apply

Application forms are available from the APRIL website (under EDUCATION & TRAINING; www.april.org.au).

Completed applications from supervisors should reach APRIL by the closing date, and the outcomes will be announced as soon as possible after the respective closing date.

The APRIL Education Advisory Committee will assess all applications against APRIL-related criteria.

Applications should be lodged electronically to Dr Charles Rikard-Bell, c.rikardbell@april.org.au.

Questions on the Awards should be directed to Dr John Pluske, j.pluske@april.org.au.