



APRIL DVM/VETERINARY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Aims and Context

The DVM/Veterinary Science Scholarship program of the Australasian Pork Research Institute Ltd. (APRIL) provides an opportunity for high-quality students to engage with APRIL stakeholders, and the Australian pork industry more broadly, by undertaking an independent research project in pig science (or related) as part of a program of study.

The awards can be used for preliminary investigations into new research ideas, or they can be used to conduct smaller scale experiments within currently funded APRIL projects.

Value

The amount of funding provided per project will be commensurate with the scope of the research project and the number of applications received from each academic institution. The size of each Award and the number of scholarships granted will be at the discretion of APRIL.

Eligibility

Who can apply?

- Students who are enrolled in a unit/course for credit in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or Bachelor's Award in Veterinary Science on a full-time or part-time basis in an Australian or New Zealand university.

Guidelines

Research projects

- The project should align closely with one of APRIL's research priorities; 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 the program of study.
- Suitable resources must be available within the organisation(s) to support the completion of the project.

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 their 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, and if successful, the student and academic organisation agrees to all requirements of the Scholarship contained in an Agreement, including submitting a report at the end of the Scholarship.



Criteria for assessment

- The student's academic record and *curriculum vitae*.
- The student's personal statement outlining the reasons for applying.
- The nominated supervisor/s capacity and availability to oversee the project.
- The student's proposed research and stated aims align with the overall research priorities and aims of APRIL.
- Resources are available to complete the project.
- The project is feasible within the timeframe and requirements of the relevant program of study.

Important dates

Applications open: 20 November 2023.

Applications close: 26 January 2024.

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. The APRIL Education Advisory Committee will assess all applications.

Applications should be lodged electronically to APRIL Manager, Commercialisation and Research Impact, Dr Charles Rikard-Bell (c.rikardbell@april.org.au).

Questions on the Awards can be directed to either Dr Charles Rikard-Bell or APRIL CEO/Chief Scientist, Dr John Pluske (j.pluske@april.org.au).