



APRIL HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Aims and Context

The Honours Scholarship program of the Australasian Pork Research Institute Ltd. (APRIL) provides an opportunity for high-quality undergraduate 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 an Honours program of study.

The awards can be used for preliminary investigations into new research ideas (which may lead to the subsequent development of larger-scale research programs), or they can be used to conduct smaller scale experiments within currently funded APRIL (or related) projects.

Value

The size of each Honours Scholarship Award will be up to AU \$10,000, with up to AU \$5,000 provided as a supplement for the operating costs of the project, and up to AU \$5,000 being a Scholarship for the student. 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 study Honours on a full-time or part-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 the Honours program at the relevant institution.

Guidelines

Research projects

- The project should align 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 an Honours 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 the Honours 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

- 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 research priorities and aims of APRIL;
- Evidence of industry endorsement/relevance;
- The nominated supervisor/s capacity and availability to oversee the project;
- A communication and delivery plan (if appropriate);
- The project is feasible within the timeframe and requirements of an Honours 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).