

Australian Pork Industry Education and Training Committee:

Call for Applications



Australian Pork Limited (APL) and the Australasian Pork Research Institute Limited (APRIL) have united to form a joint Australian Pork Industry Education and Training Committee (APIETC). APIETC provides oversight, direction and approvals on scholarships and awards relating to APL and APRIL tertiary (and post-tertiary) education and training activities.

How to apply for student awards: Visit pigconnect.australianpork.com.au to apply.

APIETC is calling for applications in a number of different scholarships and awards, for commencement in 2026, including:

APL/APRIL undergraduate student awards

1. Honours Scholarships (APL/APRIL) Supports an area of research of importance to the Australian pork industry, a stipend of up to \$5,000 and a maximum amount of \$5,000 towards operating costs (e.g. assistance with experimental costs) are offered.
Applications close 23 January 2026.

2. Undergraduate Industry Placement Scholarship (APL only)
Offered to undergraduate students who wish to gain practical experience. The scholarship recognises the high calibre of undergraduate students and fosters their interest in pursuing a career in the pork industry. Scholarships are provided up to \$500 per week of piggery placement for a maximum of two weeks. To apply contact Rowena Davis at rowena.davis@australianpork.com.au
Applications close 1 December 2025.

APL/APRIL postgraduate student awards

1. Postgraduate Scholarships (APL/APRIL)

Offered to Masters and PhD students to support research in an area of importance to the Australian pork industry, either as a stand-alone scholarship or within a research project. Stipend value of \$45,000 per annum for 3 years with up to \$5,000 per annum operating costs for 3 years.
Applications close 23 January 2026.

2. Postgraduate Top-Up Scholarship (APL/APRIL)

Offered to postgraduate students who have been successful in obtaining a research-only postgraduate scholarship. The top-up amount will be up to the equivalent (full) stipend amount of \$45,000 per annum for a maximum of 3 years.
Applications close 23 January 2026.

3. Research Support Award (APL/APRIL)

Offered to Masters students, where a research project is an incorporated component of a program of study. A stipend of up to \$5,000 and \$5,000 towards operating costs are offered.
Applications close 23 January 2026.



How to apply for APL/APRIL awards:

You can apply for Undergraduate and Postgraduate awards through the PigConnect portal.

APRIL only awards

Please note these awards are available only to APRIL participants, with eligibility and benefits determined by an organisation's participant tier.

1. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Bachelor of Veterinary Science Award

Supports an area of research or inquiry aligned to the Australian pork industry, with a maximum amount of \$500 provided for a student stipend and \$500 for operating costs.

Applications close 23 January 2026.

2. Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme Award

This scheme provides an opportunity for further career development for an individual who has completed their research doctorate (PhD) (or will shortly satisfy the requirements of a PhD) and has less than 3 years of relevant post-doctoral work experience (or pro-rata equivalent). An amount of \$45,000 per annum plus \$7,500 per annum operating costs is offered for 2 years, with the employer contributing 100% of the total costs in the final (third) year of the award.

Applications close 23 January 2026.

3. Industry Placement Program (IPP) Award

This scheme aims to attract graduates having an interest in pork production as a career by co-sponsoring a position in a commercial pork production organisation or an affiliated business strongly aligned to pork production. The successful business applicant will receive \$90,000 over the first 2 years of a 3-year agreement, with APRIL to help cover salary and other costs associated with training an awardee.

Application close 1 December 2025.

Further information on the Award and the IPP application form can be found on the APRIL website.

How to apply for APRIL only awards:

Please send the completed application form to Dr Charles Rikard-Bell at c.rikardbell@april.org.au

[DVM and Bachelor of Veterinary Science application form](#)

[Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme application form](#)

[Industry Placement Program \(IPP\) application form](#)

Further information on awards and eligibility can be found on the APRIL website under Education and Training Opportunities.

[APRIL website](#)

Further information:

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For assistance with preparation of an APRIL application, please refer to the Funding Opportunities (Education and Training) as it provides the Guidelines for APRIL Education and Training awards (2026) which have altered under APRIL's new participant model.