

Australian Pork Industry Education and Training Committee

Scholarships and Awards



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.

The 2027 Call will open on **28 August 2026**.

APIETC offers a number of different scholarships and awards, including:

APL/APRIL undergraduate student awards

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. *Closes 29 January 2027.*

Pork Industry Experience Scholarship (APL only) *formerly named Undergraduate Industry Placement Scholarship*

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. *Closes 16 October 2026.*

APL/APRIL postgraduate student awards

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 three years with up to \$5,000 per annum operating costs for three years. *Closes 29 January 2027.*

Postgraduate Top-Up Scholarship (APL/APRIL)

Offered to postgraduate students who have been successful in obtaining a Research Training Program Scholarship (RTP) or equivalent. The top-up amount will be up to the equivalent (full) stipend amount of \$45,000 per annum with up to \$5,000 per annum operating costs for three years. *Closes 29 January 2027.*

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. *Closes 29 January 2027.*



APRIL only Awards

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

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. *Closes 29 January 2027.*

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 three 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 two years, with the employer contributing 100% of the total costs in the final (third) year of the award. *Closes 29 January 2027.*

Industry Placement Program (IPP) Award

This scheme aims to attract graduates with 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 two years of a three-year agreement, with APRIL to help cover salary and other costs associated with training an awardee. *Closes 29 January 2027.*

How to apply for the APRIL IPP Award:

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

Applications to be made via the [PigConnect Portal](#).

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