APL Scholarship/award application process

Please contact Dr Rebecca Athorn at rebecca.athorn@australianpork.com.au further information prior to submitting your application.

All requests for APL funding must be submitted through PigConnect. To submit your application please go to PigConnect.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

Project Details

Enter the project title of no more than 50 words. For undergraduate industry awards enter the project title: Undergraduate Industry Award – (name of student) placement at (name of piggery).

Enter the start and end date. For two week undergraduate industry awards enter the first and last day of your placement at a piggery. For honours, masters, and PhD scholarship applications please enter the expected start and end dates of your degree.

Enter the organisation with which you study.

Administrative Contact

For Undergraduate Industry Awards enter:
your name, position and organisation (self),
(as payments will be made directly to the
student).
For honours, masters, and PhD's enter:
appropriate contact at your university, (as
funds will be paid to the university and
administered by the university to the
student).

Principle Investigator

The Principle Investigator, or PI, is the person responsible for carrying out the proposed work or project and who will be the scholarship holder. Do not enter your supervisor's details here.

Co-Investigator

This is your supervisor's details and you can enter more than one for multiple supervisors. For undergraduate industry awards, there is no need to enter a Co-Investigator.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

APL Strategy
For most scholarships the appropriate APL strategy is 'Improving Capability' however, it is suggested that you read through the APL Strategic Plan.

Key Topics
Select 'Funding Award' and then select from the drop down list which scholarship you're applying for.

Consultation
Enter here who you have consulted about your application. For Undergraduate Industry Awards, also enter the farm in which you will be doing your placement and any contact and discussions you have had with the farm manager or owner.

Need
For Undergraduate Industry Awards, enter here why you would like to do a placement on a piggery and what are the anticipated benefits the placement will offer you personally. It is important that as much detail as possible.

For Undergraduate and Post-graduate Research Scholarship applications enter why the project you are proposing to conduct is needed/important to the pork industry and what are the anticipated benefits the scholarship will offer you personally.

Planned Outcomes
For all scholarships enter what the anticipated benefits to the pork industry will be. It is important that as much detail as possible is entered so that reviewers of your application can ascertain the level of benefit to industry.

For Undergraduate Industry Awards, also enter the anticipated outcomes for the farm where you're proposing for your placement to take place.

Objectives
Enter what you want to achieve with your scholarship application.

For Undergraduate Industry Awards the objectives you enter will be related to what you want to learn and the experience you want to gain.

For Undergraduate and Post-graduate Research Scholarship applications enter the objectives of the project you're conducting. It is recommended to consult your supervisor(s).

Activities
For Undergraduate Industry Awards outline the activities you will be undertaking or hope to be undertaking and the skills you will need to undertake these activities. An activity that you are required to complete is a final report to be submitted no later than 1 month following your placement.

For Undergraduate and Post-graduate Research Scholarship applications the activities, or methodologies, that you hope to be conducting as a part of the project. The aims and hypothesis are required to be entered.

Flow of Benefits
Enter an estimate of the total benefit between the six areas of research. Scholarships and awards contribute to enhancing industry capability and therefore the Flow of Benefits to 'Industry, capability and technology transfer' should be at least 50% for 'Industry'.

Attachment
For Undergraduate Industry Award applications, attach a PDF of your full academic transcript, a signed Statement by Supplier form (available from the ATO website), a letter of confirmation from your proposed supervisor and proof of insurance cover providing adequate cover to undertake a placement.

For Undergraduate Research Scholarship applications, attach a PDF of your full academic transcript and a letter of confirmation from your proposed supervisor.

For Postgraduate Scholarship applications, attach a PDF of two separate signed Referee Reports, a letter of confirmation from your proposed supervisor and your full academic transcript.

BUDGET

Milestone List
The first milestone must be signing of the project agreement and the last milestone a final report to APL.

For Undergraduate Industry Awards, these two milestones are usually sufficient. APL will withhold 50% of funds, payable on receipt of the final report. All other Milestone Costs and associated Payments are at the discretion of the applicant.

For Undergraduate Research Scholarship applications, there is a stipend payment of $5,000 and an operating budget of no more than $5,000. A progress report is required to be submitted half way through the applicant's scholarship. The final report is the applicants thesis accepted by the applicant's academic institution.

For Postgraduate Scholarship applications, the stipend payment ($28,000/year) and operating ($3,000/year for Masters and $10,000/year for PhD's) are payable 12 months in advance from the project start date, except in the final year where a portion of the operating and a $500 thesis allowance is withheld, payable on receipt of the thesis. Postgraduate students must also submit two progress reports per year. If however you're submitting a Postgraduate Top-up Scholarship application, the stipend payment will top-up your Australian Post-graduate Award to $28,000/year and an operating budget of $10,000/year.

Please note that a travel budget will not be accepted as APL offer student workshops and pay for students to attend numerous industry meetings and conferences.

Contributions by Applicant

This section relates to any in-kind contributions the applicant will make towards the scholarship.

Contributions by Other

This section relates to in-kind contributions made by farm owners or an academic supervisor's time to oversee the applicant's scholarship and project.

Finalise application

Before you finalise your application make sure that you have included as much detail as is required. Scholarship applications are competitive and a student is required to submit a high quality application in order for reviewers to ascertain whether the application should be supported or not.