



# Wagyu Fellowship Postgraduate Scholarship Application

## CONDITIONS OF AWARD FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY (2020)

The Australian Wagyu Association (AWA) is making available up to two scholarships, tenable at Australian universities or institutions for Masters or PhD study recently commenced or commencing in 2020.

The awards facilitate research and training in areas of practical value to the Australian Wagyu industries in Genetics, Meat Science and Nutrition. The awards are designed to be provided as 'top up' to remuneration held by students already in receipt of an Australian Government Research Training Program scholarship or as a 'technical' scholarship to fund research activities undertaken by the student.

In making the award, preference will be given to students who:

- (i) Have a demonstrated understanding of the relevance of their research in the subject area or industry sector to production of Wagyu.
- (ii) Are committed to studying in areas such as Genetics, Meat Science and Nutrition, including the understanding of how management factors impact production and quality and opportunities for technology transfer.
- (iii) Are engaged in projects on Wagyu cattle or products.

### AWARDS AVAILABLE

AWA Postgraduate Scholarships - postgraduate degree at PhD or equivalent level, duration three (3) years or at Masters level for a duration of two (2) years. The scholarship can be as a remuneration top-up (Stipend) or as a technical award to fund project-related research activities.

### ELIGIBILITY AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Eligibility is restricted to students who are Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents.

Applications will be submitted to the Australian Wagyu Association and judged by an AWA Scholarships Committee. The decision of the AWA Scholarships Committee is final. Applications are invited on a competitive basis taking into account:

- i) previous academic record
- ii) publications record
- iii) postgraduate employment history
- iv) red meat industry experience
- v) proposed topic of study in relation to AWA priority areas
- vi) reputation of proposed supervisory team and referees' reports.



Students with existing stipends or who anticipate receiving stipends near the value of the Australian Postgraduate Award (or similar) will also be judged favourably. Referees reports will also be considered.

## **PRIORITY AREAS**

Applicants should demonstrate their ability to relate their research topic to the existing literature on Wagyu cattle, including insight into publication from Japanese and non-Japanese institutions. A strong preference will be given to research that can extend the existing knowledge base to improve the understanding of production and quality within the Australian industry context.

Priority will be given to projects strongly relating to Wagyu in the following fields:

- i) Genetics
- ii) Meat production science and food technology
- iii) Human nutrition and nutritional quality
- iv) Management and production efficiency
- v) Reproduction and breeding

## **APPLICATIONS**

Applications should be made by an Australian University or Institution on the application form provided on the AWA website. Successful applicants will be advised by email to the supervisor.

Applications are to be submitted on or before 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to: [matt@wagyu.org.au](mailto:matt@wagyu.org.au)



## INFORMATION ON POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2020

### Wagyu Fellowship Postgraduate Scholarship

The purpose of this Award is to enable qualified graduates to undertake a postgraduate degree at PhD or equivalent level in disciplines relevant to the Australian Wagyu industry through Stipend support or as a Technical Grant for funding research project technical activities.

The Award is tenable at an Australian university/institution. However, for students of proven ability, a component of training at an overseas institution may be approved where the benefits will return to the Australian industry and there is no appropriate institution or supervisor within Australia with whom the activity may be undertaken.

Students should be able to provide strong evidence of research ability or potential research ability and are expected to have achieved first-class honours or have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in field research, training or extension activities. Applications relating to current PhD students will be considered.

Applications from new graduates with *exceptional academic performance* may also be considered, but a fellowship will only be awarded if a degree with first-class Honours or equivalent has been achieved. The duration of the Award is normally one to three years.

*Stipend:* Ideally, the *Stipend Scholarship* provides an annual top up of other scholarships (such as APA, or equivalent). Students who are eligible are strongly encouraged to apply for Scholarships or other funds from Government programs or industry to provide basic stipends.

The award is to the value of AUD\$10,000 p.a. and is required to be paid to the student by the institution as a contribution to their scholarship.

It is the responsibility of the student and the supervisor to ensure that his/her receipt of this Scholarship does not breach the terms of any other Scholarships or other grants it receives from another organisation.

*Technical Grant:* will be provided to the university/institution, to assist with the costs of the student's research, such as non-capital maintenance, student fees, thesis costs and approved travel. The grant can be spent at the discretion of the student's supervisor and is subject to an annual accounting for the expenditure at the end of each year. For scholarship holders, the grant is A\$10,000 per annum.

To apply for an AWA Scholarship (Stipend or Technical Grant), applicants must:

- (i) Have a demonstrated understanding of the relevance of their research in the subject area or industry sector to production of Wagyu.
- (ii) Are committed to studying in areas such as Genetics, Meat Science and Nutrition, including the understanding of how management factors impact production and quality and opportunities for technology transfer.
- (iii) Are actively engaged in projects on Wagyu cattle.

**Applications must be submitted on the form to [matt@wagyu.org.au](mailto:matt@wagyu.org.au) and be received by COB 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**



## Postgraduate Scholarship Application Form

Please note that this application form must be completed by an eligible Australian university or institution on behalf of itself and the relevant Student. Applications due 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### Section One: Contact Details and Proposal Summary

#### 1. University and Supervisor Details

<b>University</b>					
Name		ABN			
Department					
Address					
Suburb		State		Postcode	
Supervisor					
Email					
Phone					
Fax					

## 2. Student Details

<b>Student</b>					
Given Name		Surname			
Address					
Suburb		State		Postcode	
Email					
Phone					
Fax					
Gender					
Nationality					
Present occupation					

## 3. Scholarship / Award Details

**Period for which support is requested:**                      Years                      Months

**Technical support:**    Years                      Months

**Use of live cattle**    Years                      Months

**Degree sought: (eg. PhD)**

#### 4. Undergraduate Record of Student

University Attended:	
Faculty:	
Degree Obtained:	
Honours:	
Date of graduation:	

#### 5. Postgraduate Training Record of the Student

*Give the Student's progress towards higher degree, if any, showing dates, degree obtained or expected and thesis title*

**6. Student's proposed field of study**

Proposed thesis title (if known)	
<p>Field of study:</p> <p><i>Provide a summary of Student's proposed area of work. The summary of no more than 500 words must be readily understood by an educated lay audience. It should clearly convey the importance, relevance and feasibility of the proposed work to red meat producers. References cited within the summary are to be provided as a supplementary bibliography.</i></p> <p><i>500 word summary:</i></p>	

\* Potential students are encouraged to actively work with their proposed supervisor to develop a project outline for this application

**7. Student's employment history and field of experience since graduation (any PhD work already commenced should be recorded under 6.)**

Period		Position	Organisation	Experience Gained
From:	To:			

**8. Supplementary Financial Support**

*Describe details of any financial support which is or might be available during the tenure of AWA award (eg part salary, APA etc.):*

**9. Student's Overseas Experience**

**10. Details of any research papers submitted or published by the Student**

**11. Future career: What are the Student's present intentions or desires with regard to future employment?**

## Section Two: Referees

Please arrange for a referee's report to be forwarded to AWA by an appropriate officer (listed below) within the Student's present organisation.

Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

In addition, please insert below the names and addresses of two independent referees who are able to assess Student's research ability.

Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Phone	
Email	



### Section Three: Declarations

**Students who are employees of a Commonwealth or State Government Department or organisation**

The following endorsement should be completed by the Student's employer:

The following Student is an employee of:

Department

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Signed

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Name

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Title

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Date

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## Section Four: Privacy Notice

The information you are providing in this form is being collected by the Australian Wagyu Association. Some of the information you are providing is personal information under the Privacy Act. The information in this form is collected for the following purposes of assess the application and award and manage the scholarship.

The personal information you provide may be disclosed to our related entities and third party service providers (on a confidential basis). If you do not provide the information we require, we may not be able to process your application.

***When you provide AWA with any personal information about someone else in this form, you must have permission from that person to do so and must notify that person that AWA will handle their personal information as specified in this form and in AWA's privacy policy.***

By submitting this form, you consent to AWA collecting and handling the personal information you provide as specified in this notice.

## 1. APPENDIX: CHECKLIST

Before submitting the application, please check that you have included the following:

**YES**

Have all Sections been completed by the **Applicant/University**?

Has the Student's **Referee** completed and sent a Referee Report?

Have you attached a **certified copy** of Student's:

Passport/Birth Certificate/Permanent Residency

Academic Transcript

Have you read the Privacy Notice in Section Four and obtained

all relevant consents?