



Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

## The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

### Curtin Ignition Scholarships 2022

#### Information and Eligibility

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development is Western Australia's lead government department driving the economic development of our agrifood, fibre, fisheries and forestry industries.

We work with start ups, researchers, innovators, investors, farmers, growers, industry groups, government and small and large scale businesses helping to identify and capitalise on opportunities for growth, investment, trade and export.

The department is supporting innovation and technology in our state's primary industries by funding 3 scholarships for students, individuals or businesses seeking to progress ideas that solve an issue for our agrifood, fibre, fisheries or forestry industries.

The scholarships are intended to support a business idea, research project or early stage venture that could become a high growth business, contributing to the future of Western Australia.

We're seeking solutions to address challenges agribusinesses face including, but not limited to, agronomy, carbon emissions, climate change, food innovation, food and beverage packaging, food waste, grains, technology adoption and development at a grass roots level.

#### **About**

Curtin Ignition is an intensive education and mentoring program suited to aspiring entrepreneurs, academics and corporate innovators to trial and prepare their business ideas for commercial investment.

Ignition is an opportunity for the department to support innovation, entrepreneurship and excellence in our primary industries.

Applications from new and aspiring entrepreneurs with limited experience of starting a business are encouraged to apply. Passion and ambition to take ideas forward and 'make it happen' are highly important attributes for success.

#### **Assessment criteria**

The scholarships are competitive and will be determined by the department and Curtin Ignition.

Applications will be assessed on merit using information as provided on the applicant's online submission.

**Eligibility criteria**

- business idea or innovation relates to developing a technology-based solution to address an issue in the agriculture and food industry, or a project that relates to a new/novel food product, process, or service
- likelihood of business or idea's sustainability (market potential and uniqueness of proposal), and
- preparation and actions taken to progress the business idea or innovation to date.

**Conditions**

- Scholarships are limited to one application per person, entity or business.
- Scholarships are only open to Western Australian residents or businesses that are incorporated, owned or operated in Western Australia.
- Applicants must be able to participate in an intensive, results-focused program during the week of 4th to the 9th of September in 2022.
- Other terms and conditions as determined by the department or Curtin Ignition.

**Applications close 5 pm Friday 15 July 2022**

Apply online at [curtin.edu/ignition](https://curtin.edu/ignition)