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South-West WA Hub bursaries on offer for university students

Western Australian university students are encouraged to apply for South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub (SW WA Hub) bursaries worth up to \$8000 each.

The SW WA Hub, which is led by the Grower Group Alliance (GGA), seeks Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for bursaries that are focused on extension and adoption activities that will increase the drought resilience of primary producers.

SW WA Hub Project Manager Kellie-Jane (KJ) Pritchard said the initiative would provide students with valuable experience and knowledge in agricultural extension practices and the opportunity to work with producers, grower groups and research organisations.

“This will offer successful students enriching and practical opportunities as well as potential pathways to employment, while also benefiting the industry groups and individuals involved,” Ms Pritchard said.

“The Hub, which is supported through funding from the Australian Government’s Future Drought Fund, focuses strongly on extension and adoption of research outcomes.

“At least 50 per cent of each bursary is required to be spent on activities including engagement with WA grower groups, participatory action research, workshops, field days, or conferences.”

Students are also encouraged to have research themes that align with SW WA Hub priority topics.

They are required to start their extension and adoption activities no later than 2023 and the activities must be completed by June 2024.

Up to 15 bursaries will be awarded and eligible students include those undertaking Honours studies; Master of Science (MSc) (coursework projects) or accelerated MSc; work placements (work integrated learning) while studying at post-graduate level; or PhD students.

More information about the SW WA Hub bursaries and links to SW WA Hub priority project topics are available on the Hub webpage at <https://www.gga.org.au/activity/drought-hub/>.

Interested students are requested to submit a short EOI to swwadroughthub@gga.org.au by December 15.



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Caption: Extension and adoption is a focus for new South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub bursaries being made available to eligible WA university students.

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