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# South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub Extension & Adoption Bursary Program for Tertiary Students

A call out to students interested in a bursary of up to \$8000 for extension and adoption of your proposed or existing research (up to 15 bursaries to be awarded across Western Australian universities)

The bursaries will be funded by the South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub (SW WA Hub) through the Australian Government's Federal Drought Hub (FDF).

You will be undertaking one or more of the below:

- Honours studies
- Master of Science (MSc) (coursework projects) or accelerated MSc
- Work placements (work integrated learning) while studying at post-graduate level
- PhD

#### Assignments must:

- Focus on extension and/or adoption of drought resilience
- Spend at least 50 per cent of funding on extension and adoption activities (participatory
  action research, workshops, field days, state or national conferences, local agricultural
  ecosystem engagement with a WA grower group or similar)
- Spend up to 50 per cent of funding on accommodation and transport or other logistics
- Start no later than 2023 and be completed by June 2024

## Minimum expectations:

- You must have the ability to travel to regional WA
- You must be enrolled in an Honours degree or above and remain enrolled for the duration of the funding
- All students will present findings to a combined university forum
- Deliver E&A findings to up to three grower groups
- Deliver a review of outcomes and learnings at an industry forum (for example, GRDC Grains Research Update events, WA Livestock Research Council events etc)
- Students will use communications pathways to extend findings from their research theme (for example, podcasts, social media posts)
- Students will be expected to write a final report outlining their activities and lessons learned.
- There may be an opportunity to present at the 2023 Future Drought Fund Science to Practice Forum.
- Student submissions / work experience will have a connection to a grower group, a funded FDF project or Hub priority area. Lists are available

here: <a href="https://www.gga.org.au/activity/drought-hub/">https://www.gga.org.au/activity/drought-hub/</a>





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## I'm interested, what next?

- Submit a short (~one-page) Expression of Interest (EOI) outlining
  - o Your proposed or existing research theme
  - o How it matches a SW WA Hub priority project or engages a grower group
  - A brief extension and adoption activity plan and budget
- Submit to <a href="mailto:swwadroughthub@gga.org.au">swwadroughthub@gga.org.au</a> by 15 December 2022

#### Notes:

- All insurances and supervision requirements will be covered by your university
- Communications protocols will be advised to successful applicants
- All IP generated from this bursary will be expected to be shared with the SW WA Hub for use in promotions, Hub reports, social media etc