# AWARDS FOR PhD STUDY

**(2019)**

Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) is making available a number of awards, tenable at Australian universities or institutions for PhD study commencing in 2019. The awards facilitate research and training in areas of practical value to the Australian beef, sheepmeat and goatmeat industries. The awards are designed to ‘top up’ remuneration held by students. In making the awards preference will be given to students who:

1. Already have some postgraduate experience in a relevant subject area or industry sector.
2. Are committed to studying in areas such as on-farm productivity, sustainability of production, animal health and welfare, and technology transfer.
3. Are engaged in projects linked to current MLA-supported projects.

**AWARDS AVAILABLE**

MLA Postgraduate Scholarships - postgraduate degree at PhD or equivalent level, duration three (3) years with an option to extend by 6 months.

# ELIGIBILITY AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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

Applications will be judged on a competitive basis taking into account previous academic record, publications record, postgraduate employment history, red meat industry experience, proposed topic of study in relation to MLA priority areas, 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.

# APPLICATIONS

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

Return applications on or before 15th February 2019 to: students@mla.com.au

# INFORMATION ON AWARDS 2019

# MLA 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 red meat and livestock industries.

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. A single extension of up to six months may be approved for individuals if there is sufficient justification.

Ideally, the *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 scholarship. It is the responsibility of the student 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 Assistance Grant* will be provided to the university/institution, upon request, to assist with the costs of the student's research, such as non-capital maintenance, student fees, thesis costs and necessary 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$8,000 per annum (or A$10,000per annum if the project involves purchase and maintenance of cattle). The Assistance Grant is capped at $30,000 for the entire project.

For additional information including guidelines see **www.mla.com.au/funding** or contact:

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