**Application for the AW Howard Memorial Trust**

**Research Fellowship**

The applicant is to complete this form. Nominated referees should also provide a written statement of support. Referees should be senior academics or researchers with experience of the applicant's recent work. This completed application and any supporting documentation must be emailed to the AW Howard Trust using the contact details provided at the end of this application **no later than 31 October in each year.**

Applicants must familiarise themselves with the conditions of the AW Howard Memorial Trust Research Fellowship (below) before completing this form.

The award takes the form of a ‘top-up’ stipend for the holder of an Australian Postgraduate Award or similar and may be used at the discretion of the applicant, payable through the applicant’s research institution. If the applicant already holds a ‘top-up’ stipend from elsewhere, the applicant is not eligible to apply for the Howard Fellowship.

**CONDITIONS OF THE AW HOWARD MEMORIAL TRUST RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

* The student must be recently enrolled or intending to commence approved post-graduate tertiary studies with any Australian university.
* Only applicants who have been continuously resident in Australia for the period of three years preceding the closing date of applications will be considered.
* The field of research of the study must be relevant to the objectives of the AW Howard Memorial Trust – agricultural and social science (including economics) relating to the development, management and use of pastures.
* Successful applicants are required to provide annual progress reports within 12 months of receiving the award and a final report on completion of their research.
* The AW Howard Memorial Fellow may also be asked to give an ‘AW Howard Memorial Research Fellow’ seminar on his or her research at a suitable location, in association with a State or regional branch of Ag Institute Australia (AIAST).
* All publications, seminars and other media dissemination of the study outcomes supported by the Fellowship shall acknowledge support of the AW Howard Memorial Trust Incorporated.
* Continued tenure of the Fellowship is dependent on an annual certification of continued satisfactory performance by the recipient's supervisor/s and university Research Degree Coordinator or equivalent.
* The Fellow will be encouraged to apply for an AW Howard Memorial Travel Award during the tenure of the Fellowship to present research results and conclusions and raise the profile of AW Howard’s legacy and the Memorial Trust at an international forum.
* This completed application and associated referee reports must be provided to the AW Howard Memorial Trust, howard.trust@sa.gov.au, by the closing date.

**TITLE OF THESIS:**

**SECTION ONE: APPLICANT DETAILS**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Date of birth:** |  |
| **Postal address:** |  |
| **Contact number:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Nationality/Citizenship:** |  |

**SECTION TWO: APPLICANTS ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

* 1. **Academic qualifications and year first degree awarded**
	2. **Faculty and university**
	3. **Other qualifications**
	4. **Special academic awards/prizes received**
	5. **Relevant employment (if applicable)**
	6. **Relevant publications**

**SECTION THREE: DETAILS OF PROPOSED POST-GRADUATE STUDY**

* 1. **University and faculty where proposed research will be undertaken**
	2. **Name of supervisors and their agency affiliations**
	3. **Specify any grant or scholarship you have already received to support your proposed post-graduate studies (include any you have applied for, but don’t yet know the outcome)**
	4. **Evidence of the candidature being approved and accepted by the university and faculty (attach written evidence)**
	5. **When will the research begin or when did it start?**
	6. **If you have commenced your study, when is it likely that your thesis will be finished, and the degree awarded?**

**SECTION FOUR: OUTLINE OF PROPOSED RESEARCH**

*(These will be used as primary criteria for assessment)*

**Briefly describe the basis for the research you intend to pursue under the following headings (limit this section to two pages or less)**

* 1. **Proposed title of thesis**
	2. **Provide 3-5 key words that describe your project**
	3. **Briefly describe your proposed field of research, research approach and scientific advances being sought (< 400 words)**
	4. **Industry significance (i.e. how might your proposed research assist the pasture and grazing industries of Australia?) (< 200 words)**
	5. **As your research progresses, how will you interact with the relevant research and industry communities, and present your findings? (< 200 words)**

**SECTION FIVE: REFEREE REPORTS**

1. The applicant isrequired to ensure that two *confidential* referee reports are forwarded directly to the Executive Officer of the Trust. The referees are to be acquainted with the applicant’s experience and present standing. It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure that the referees are able to supply the references to accompanythe application to the Trust before candidate and the proposed project**.**

A template for the referee report is available on the website.

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|  | **Referee One** | **Referee Two** |
| **Title** |  |  |
| **Last Name** |  |  |
| **First Name** |  |  |
| **Current Position** |  |  |
| **Address** |  |  |
| **State** |  |  |
| **P/code** |  |  |
| **Country** |  |  |
| **Telephone** |  |  |
| **Email** |  |  |

**6 How did you find out about the AW Howard Memorial Trust and the grants available?**

**DECLARATION**

I hereby apply for the AW Howard Memorial Trust Research Fellowship and declare that the information given in this application is correct and complete. I authorise the AW Howard Trust to obtain details of my enrolment, academic record and pending examination results from other educational institutions or the relevant authorities. I am aware that there are penalties for providing false or misleading information.

If you are successful, the Trust will pay the funds to your organisation on receipt of necessary details.

Successful applicants are required to provide annual progress reports within 12 months of receiving the award and a final report on completion of their research.

Post-graduate students must provide proof of enrolment. Please include copies of academic transcripts with the application.

**CHECKLIST**

Have you answered all the questions? [ ]

Can you meet the conditions for the Fellowship? [ ]

Are the following documents attached?

* Proof of visa status and/or residency *(if relevant)* [ ]
* Written evidence of candidature being approved and accepted by the [ ]
university and faculty
* Copies of academic transcripts [ ]
* Referees’ supporting statements [ ]

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS**

Please email the completed application, including all necessary supporting documentation, to the Executive Officer, AW Howard Memorial Trust (howard.trust@sa.gov.au) by **31 October in each year.**

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_