# Application for an AW Howard Memorial Trust

# Early-Career Research Grant

The applicant is to complete this form. 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 March in each year.**

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

**CONDITIONS OF THE AW HOWARD MEMORIAL TRUST EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH GRANT**

* Applications are open to anyone in Australia who has been a continuous resident in Australia for the last three years or has an ongoing position with an Australian research agency (evidence to be provided).
* ECR grants are made by the AW Howard Memorial Trust Incorporated to support research activities that improve the development, management and use of pastures.
* The grant is to be used within a 12 month period to support the operating costs of research; it does not cover the salary of the applying researcher.
* Applicants are eligible if they have been conferred their PhD within seven years of application and/or have been employed in a research agency for <10 years without a PhD. Where applicants have had periods away from full time employment (e.g. maternity leave or parental responsibilities), this will be considered and applied on a pro rata basis of full-time employment. If this applies an explanation is required.
* ECR grants are limited to $15,000, payable in two instalments. The first payment is on agreement of the recipient’s organisation and receipt of necessary details. The second payment is on receipt and approval of the final report outlining research progress and outcomes.
* Preference will be given to proposed research that compliments or builds on existing research activities and for researchers who demonstrate excellence in research delivery and potential as future leaders in pasture research in Australia.
* Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:
* Applicant’s track record (publications and presentations - scientific and other)
* Potential impact of project (practice change targeted, scope of application)
* Feasibility of proposed research (appropriateness of methodology, facilities etc.)
* Linkages & collaborations (other funding, future funding potential, cross-institutional linkages)
* Benefits and opportunities for the application (new skills, networks, outputs)
* Appropriateness of budget.
* All publications, seminars and media presentations associated with this grant shall acknowledge the support of the AW Howard Memorial Trust Incorporated.
* At the conclusion of the tenure of the grant, the recipient shall provide to the Trust a report summarising significant outcomes achieved, with identification of how the AW Howard Trust has been acknowledged.
* The grant may be held concurrently with grants from other organisations, provided that no such grant conflicts with the objectives of the Trust.

**APPLICATION FORM**

1. **Applicant details:**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Date of birth** |  |
| **Postal address** |  |
| **Contact number** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Nationality** |  |
| **Year of PhD conferment** |  |
| **Years of employment in research** |  |
| **Host research organisation** |  |
| **Proposed period for grant** |  |

1. **Title of proposed research**
2. **Summary of proposed research (< 300 words)**

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1. **Rationale and background to research (< 500 words)**

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1. **Objectives of proposed research (< 100 words)**

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1. **Proposed methodology/approach (< 500 words)**

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1. **Describe the expected benefits for pasture and grazing industries within Australia or within your region of Australia (< 400 words)**

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1. **Describe linkages or collaborations with other research activities, organisations or individuals that are contributing to or supporting this research. Include an outline of any other funding support that relates to your research proposal (< 300 words)**

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1. **Describe your current role and how this grant will benefit you (< 300 words)**

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1. **Budget details. Please provide a breakdown of the items that the AW Howard Trust will fund in this research and indicate any other funding sources that will support the research project (e.g. salary, co-investments from other sources)**

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| **Expenditure Item/Activity** | **$**  **Howard Trust** | **$**  **Other** | **Other Funding Source** | **Total  (AUS $)** |
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**How did you hear about the AW Howard Memorial Trust and the grants available?**

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**Information on any previous AW Howard Memorial Trust grants you have received**

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby apply for the AW Howard Memorial Trust Early-Career Research Grant and declare that the information given in this application is correct and complete. I am aware that there are penalties for providing false or misleading information.

Checklist of items required for application

* Completed application form
* Short CV (2 pages) and publication list
* Completed project budget

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

Successful applicants are required to provide a report to the Trust within three months of completion of their research that summarises the significant outcomes achieved and identifying how the AW Howard Trust has been acknowledged.

**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](mailto:howard.trust@sa.gov.au)) by **31 March in each year.**

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