



Help create Australia's science
and innovation future

Sponsor a Vacation Student

CSIRO's prestigious undergraduate Vacation Studentship scheme has a well-established track record over the past 20 years in attracting the brightest and best of the next generation of scientists.

We offer you the opportunity to partner with CSIRO in fostering the careers of young researchers in agriculture and food science, ensuring that the best young minds of today consider working in your industry and are aware of your organisation*.

*Sponsorship is at a rate of \$9,500 per student per annum. Current program sponsors include GRDC, CRDC, and CSD.

The projects

- advertised nation-wide
- open to third year undergraduate students of an appropriate discipline
- allocated in a competitive process
- typically ~10 applicants for each place
- currently offering ~16 projects encompassing all aspects of our agricultural research, including crop science, animal welfare and behaviour, and plant genomics.

How does it work?

- projects run for 10 weeks in December/January
- students receive an attractive stipend
- projects conclude with a Summer Research Student Symposium in late January
- many students return for Honours, Masters or PhD projects.

Examples of projects in 2024-25

- Crop residue composites as a base for a broadacre mulch
- Fall Armyworm Identification Using Light-Trap Cameras and Deep Learning
- Developing a bio-economic model for quantifying the benefits of effective disease management for sustainable cropping systems.

Paving the way for future science careers



"My opportunity as a summer student at CSIRO introduced me to excellence in research and helped provide a career pathway to become a professional research scientist."

— Dr Luke Barrett, 2002-03 Summer Student, now a CSIRO Senior Research Scientist



"The CSIRO Summer Studentship was an eye-opening, life-changing experience. The brilliant, supportive network of scientists and technicians inspired me to return to work with them."

"Originally I had plans to go into veterinary science but changed direction after the studentship, to return to the animal research path."

— Annika Alexander, 2016-17 Summer Student

If you are interested in sponsoring the program or would like more info, please contact:

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