

WAARC Polyphagous Shothole Borer - Fusarium Dieback Research Program - EOI

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WA Agricultural Research Collaboration (WAARC) Polyphagous Shot-hole Borer Fusarium Dieback (PSHB-FD) Research

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Program overview

The WAARC Polyphagous Shot-hole Borer Fusarium Dieback Research Program is an initiative of the State Government-backed WA Agricultural Research Collaboration (WAARC), which aims to bolster the existing national eradication response through targeted research and development to help future-proof the State's agriculture and food sector.

The objective of the program is to assist the development and selection of collaborative research projects aimed at bolstering the State's PSHB-FD eradication response and to fund research that aligns with the priorities of WAARC and the WA agriculture sector.

Expression of Interest

Before completing this expression of interest form, you should have read the WAARC PSHB-FD Research Program guidelines [here](#)

Applications for the WAARC PSHB-FD Research Program will follow a two-stage application process. Stage One will consist of this Expression of Interest (EOI) process where applicants can provide high-level information regarding their proposed project. **Only selected successful EOI applicants will be invited to submit a full grant proposal in Stage Two.**

Please read each section and complete each question, as requested. It is recommended that you allow yourself enough time to review the application and submit it well before the due date. The closing date for the WAARC PSHB-FD Research Program is **Wednesday, 18 December 2024, 5:00 pm AWST**. Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

This form contains mandatory fields. You will be alerted if you save the form without completing the required sections.

Please note, supporting documents are supplementary to your application. Please ensure you answer all the questions and provide relevant details where required.

Privacy Statement

Information provided by applicants or collected by the WA Agricultural Research Collaboration (WAARC) in relation to an applicant or their application may be used in the administration of this Grants Program and in the assessment of this application. Clarification of other funding sources for your project as stated in your application and project budget may be sought from the relevant funding bodies. Any information provided (personal, financial or otherwise) will be solely used for the purpose of this Grants Program.

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WAARC will store personal information collected in this application, supporting documentation and any grant administration, monitoring and evaluation activities in compliance with its obligations under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).

WAARC are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1992 and documents in the possession of these agencies are subject to these provisions.

I have read and understood the privacy statement and I consent to and authorise such uses and disclosures *

☐ Yes, I confirm

Where did you hear about this grant? *

☐ Ministerial Media Statement ☐ Facebook ☐ The West Australian ☐ Business News

☐ WAARC Website ☐ LinkedIn ☐ The Countryman ☐ Word of Mouth

☐ DPIRD Website ☐ Twitter ☐ WA Agrifood Export eNews ☐ Other:

☐ Regional Development Commission

Please select all that apply

Confirmation of Eligibility

Please refer to Section 2 of the Guidelines to confirm your eligibility before completing this application.

I confirm that the applicant:

- has read and understands the program [guidelines](#);
- is able to demonstrate alignment between their project and the objectives of this program;
- is eligible under the program guidelines and;
- is able to meet the project timelines as per the program guidelines.

Please confirm that all statements above are true and correct *

☐ Yes, I confirm

Please note: Should you be invited to submit a grant application in Stage 2, you will be required to provide evidence to demonstrate your eligibility.

Applicant Details

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Organisation name *

Organisation Name

Please use your organisation's full name. Check your spelling and make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

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Applicant's Primary Work Address *

Address

Work Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Chief Investigator

Lead Institution (WAARC member) *

Chief Investigator - must be an employee of a WAARC member organisation. This person will be the authorised contact person for the research project.

Contact person *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Contact's Position *

Contact's Mobile Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Contact's Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Eligibility Criteria

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1. Theme and alignment to theme objectives. *

Identify which WAARC PSHB-FD priority theme your research project is aligned with and how it addresses the theme objectives. Link to PHSB research priority areas attached - <https://dpird.smartygrants.com.au/d/files/dlm/351962bda416558a06d85ea375ab6b50e8f8c0>

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2. Collaborators - institutions and identified researchers. *

Which of WAARC's members will be involved in your project? (WAARC requires a minimum of three members for each project. Please indicate the specific members and their roles. The extent & quality of collaboration is important)

3. How will this project directly support the PSHB-FD eradication process/strategy? *

Outline how your proposed research objectives and design align with the eradication goals and potentially contribute to the PSHB-FD response. <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/borer>

4. How does your project aim to protect agricultural industries from PSHB-FD? *

Specify the expected impact of your research on safeguarding WA's agricultural sector from PSHB-FD and any associated benefits.

5. Are logistical requirements from PSHB-FD response team able to be accommodated? *

Specify any logistical support or coordination with the response team that would be necessary for your project to proceed and provide evidence of agreement from the response team / DPIRD plant biosecurity (e.g. specific resources such as trees left standing or permits).

Please attach documents (if any) that may support your application.

Attach a file:

Selection Criteria

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Delivery

1. Project Plan / Methods *

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Outline your project plan (up to 400 words)

2. Project Timeline and Milestones *

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What is the proposed timeline for your project? (expected to be 3 years or less). Include key milestones and expected completion dates, ensuring alignment with the urgency of the eradication response.

3. Risk Management and Contingency Planning: *

What risks could impact the successful delivery of your project, and how do you plan to mitigate them?

Budgets

4. Provide an indicative budget for **In-kind contributions**

(Total in kind contribution from the applicant/s needs to at least match the total WAARC cash amount being sought).

Staff member/ Activity/Item	FTE (if applicable)	Organisation	In-Kind contribution dollar amount (non-cash)
	Must be a number.		Must be a dollar amount.

5. Provide an indicative budget for **cash contributions from WAARC members** (DPIRD, GGA, CSIRO, UWA, Murdoch, Curtin)

Staff member/ Activity/Item	FTE (if applicable)	Organisation	Co-contribution cash from WAARC members
	Must be a number.		Must be a dollar amount.

6. Provide an indicative budget for **WAARC Cash** requested

Staff member/ Activity/Item	FTE (if applicable)	WAARC Member	WAARC cash requested
	Must be a number.		Must be a dollar amount.

7. Provide an indicative budget for **Co-investor (external*) cash (if applicable)**

Staff member/ Activity/Item	FTE (if applicable)	Co-investor (external)	Co-investor (external*) cash
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	Must be a number.		co-investor/ external cash is defined as non State government investment. Includes local and federal government, industry and other sources of external cash. Must be a dollar amount.

Budget totals

Total in kind contribution (non-cash)	Total Co-contribution (WAARC member cash)	Cash requested from WAARC	Co-investor cash (external) contribution	Total project value
This number/ amount is calculated.	This number/ amount is calculated.	This number/ amount is calculated.	This number/ amount is calculated.	This number/ amount is calculated.

8. Identify possible co-investors

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

(include any preliminary interest, up to 100 words)

Scientific Merit

1. How will your work assist in decision-making for the PSHB-FD eradication response? *

Explain how the outcomes of your project will provide actionable insights or data to help inform key decisions for the PSHB-FD response.

2. Outline key resources or infrastructure needed (e.g. research facilities, equipment, field sites, permits) ensuring they are consistent with your stated outcomes and objectives. *

Adoption and Impact

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1. Scalability and Broader Implications - Does your project have the potential to be scaled or applied more broadly beyond the immediate eradication response? *

Consider the wider implications of your research in protecting other sectors or regions.

2. Sustainability of Impact - How will the results of your project continue to support the agricultural sector or biosecurity efforts after completion? *

How will the research contribute long-term benefits which will assist with informing future decisions.

3. Describe how your project supports research capability building for WA? *

(PhDs, post-doctoral, honours, support for young researchers)

Knowledge Sharing and Communication

1. How will you disseminate the findings from your research? *

Explain how the project's results will be communicated to key stakeholders, including WAARC partners, DPIRD, and industry groups, to maximise impact.

Declaration

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- I declare that the proposed application, project and/or any associated expenditure has been endorsed by the applicant's Board or person with authority to commit the applicant to this project.
- I declare that the information contained in this application together with any statement provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete.
- I understand that it is the applicant's responsibility to inform the WA Agricultural Research Collaboration (WAARC) immediately of any changes to the information given in this application and, if requested, the applicant will provide all relevant documents to substantiate such changes.
- I understand that I may be requested to provide further clarification or documentation to verify the information supplied in this form and that WAARC during the application process may also seek advice from other expert advisors on information provided in the application.
- I acknowledge that if WAARC is satisfied that any statement made in an application is incorrect, incomplete, false or misleading, WAARC may, at its discretion, take appropriate action. I note such action may include excluding an application from further consideration, withdrawing an offer of funding and/or terminating any agreement between WAARC and the recipient including recovering funds already paid.

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- I acknowledge that if successful, the applicant will be required to enter into a funding agreement.
- I declare that the applicant will comply with and require that its subcontractors and independent contractors comply with, all applicable laws.
- I declare that I am authorised to complete this form and to sign and submit this declaration on behalf of the applicant.

Confirmation *

☐ By checking this box, I agree to all the above declarations and confirm all of the above statements to be true.

Name of Authorised Person *

Title First Name Last Name

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Position *

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Once the form is submitted via SmartyGrants, this form will be deemed to have been signed by the above person.

Before you submit....

You have reached the end of the WAARC PSHB-FD Research Program Expression of Interest form. We recommend that you check your application carefully and upload all relevant information before submitting.

Please click [Next Page] to review your information and then [Submit] to submit this application. IMPORTANT NOTE:

Updates on your application and requests for further information will be sent via this platform, please add noreply@smartygrants.com.au to your address book or Safe Senders List to ensure receipt.