



## **Expressions of Interest – Industry Funding Scheme Management Committee member**

The Industry Funding Schemes (IFS) are seeking expressions of interest (EOI) to their Industry Management Committees (IMC).

Applications open 8:00am Tuesday 1 April 2025, and will close 8:00pm, Monday 12 May 2025.

There are opportunities available include:

- [Sheep and Goat Industry Funding Scheme Management Committee](#)
  - The Sheep & Goat IFS has 2 vacancies for producers and/or supply chain representatives. Experience with Skeleton Weed is highly desirable.
- [Grains, Seeds and Hay Industry Funding Scheme Management Committee](#)
  - The Grains IFS has 1 vacancy for a producer, preferably with experience in footrot management.
- [Cattle Industry Funding Scheme Management Committee](#)
  - The Cattle IFS is accepting expressions of interest for future opportunities.

Each of the Schemes is overseen by an IMC comprised of producers, growers, and others in the relevant beef, dairy, grain, seeds, hay, sheep and/or goat industries or supply chains. Dedicated to managing agricultural pest and disease threats in Western Australia (WA) that align with industry priorities, the committees work closely with the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development (DPIRD) to deliver IFS funded programs.

WA producers, growers, and industry stakeholders involved in the beef, dairy, grain, seed, hay, sheep and/or goat industries or supply chains are encouraged to apply. Appointments will be for a period of up to 3 years.

### **Guidelines**

EOIs can be submitted via the DPIRD SmartyGrants platform (<https://dpiird.smartygrants.com.au/>) from 8:00am Tuesday 1 April 2025.

For more information on the Schemes visit:

- **IFS website** - <https://www.industryfundingschemes.org/>
- **DPIRD IFS** - <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/bam/industry-funding-scheme-reports>
- or by emailing - [IFS@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:IFS@dpiird.wa.gov.au)

Your EOI must indicate which IMC (you can apply for more than one) you are applying for and must include:

1. A completed **SmartyGrants application form**, including contact details and addresses the IMC selection criteria.
2. A **current resume**, uploaded with your application, or enter in the form provided on the SmartyGrants platform. Your resume must include the following information:
  - current employer (if employed) and position
  - employment history and relevant voluntary roles
  - qualifications and training
  - other committee/board experience (if applicable).

## Selection criteria

### Essential

- meet the requirements of a 'full participant' of the Scheme; or
  - have familiarity with the interests of the contributors to the Scheme or knowledge or experience enabling an understanding of those interests
  - a financial interest in the industry to which the Scheme relates
  - extensive or special experience in that industry.
- an ability to think strategically and to act decisively
- a desire to serve the industry to which the Scheme relates
- effective personal networks within the industry to which the Scheme relates
- ability and willingness to commit adequate time to IMC business and actively contribute to its meetings.

### Desirable

- experience with, or an understanding of biosecurity in general, and the management of invasive pests, weeds, or diseases, in particular virulent footrot in sheep and/or managing skeleton weed in crop production.
- a demonstrated understanding of good corporate governance and accountability principles and application including an understanding of financial budgets
- previous experience in an industry representational role.

The IMCs are skills-based committees, seeking diverse expertise across its membership. The IMC terms of reference are available [here](#) .

## Appointment process

Appointments are governed by the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Industry Funding Scheme (Cattle; Grains; Sheep and Goats) Regulations 2010* (IFS Regulations).

An industry-based appointments committee assesses EOIs and makes recommendations to the Minister for Agriculture and Food, who appoints members to the IMC for a first term of 1-3 years, with an option for the Minister to reappoint members for a second term.

The Western Australian Government is committed to ensuring diversity on Government boards and committees. Applications are encouraged from women, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, young professionals, and farmers.

EOI closes **8:00pm, Monday 12 May 2025**.

## Background

Each IMC oversees the Scheme. The Schemes use authorised funding arrangements for producers to raise funds to address priority pests, weeds and diseases at a whole-of-industry level. As required under the IFS Regulations, the IMC:

- advise the Director General of DPIRD on the administration of the IFS accounts
- consult producers to understand the industry's views on the operation of the Schemes and the performance of the IMC
- report annually on the operation and effectiveness of the Schemes and any other matter relating to the operation of the IFS Regulations
- make recommendations to the Minister regarding the Scheme's areas of operation and contribution rates
- approve payments out of the IFS accounts; and
- approve programs and other measures to control pests, weeds and/or diseases specified under the IFS Regulations.

A key role of the IMC is to represent the best interests of the industry and Scheme contributors fairly and impartially, and to provide effective governance of the Schemes. The IMC meet 3 to 4 times per year; however, some additional online meetings and activities outside scheduled meetings may be called as required.

IMC members are paid sitting fees and are eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses in accordance with the Public Sector Commissioner's Circular 2009-20. Executive/administrative support for the committees is provided by DPIRD.

If you need more information, please contact the IFS Executive Officer at [IFS@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:IFS@dpiird.wa.gov.au) or on 0447 903 389 or visit:

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