

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Australia Fully Funded Scholarships Ignition 2018 Background and Eligibility

The Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development, Western Australia drives the economic development of Western Australia's agriculture and food sector. We work with industries and businesses throughout the sector, helping them identify and capitalise on opportunities for growth. Ignition is an opportunity for DPIRD to support innovation, entrepreneurship and excellence in the sector at a grass roots level.

DPIRD supports Curtin Ignition through funding of two scholarships for those who seek to progress ideas that are related to Agriculture, specifically in the broadacre cropping area.

Ignition is an intensive 5½-day education program for aspiring entrepreneurs, academics and corporate innovators to trial and prepare their business ideas for the commercial environment.

Ignition is open to anyone with a business idea, research project or early stage business venture that could become a high growth business. Applications from new and aspiring entrepreneurs with limited experience of starting a business, are encouraged to apply. Passion and ambition to take ideas forward and 'make it happen' are highly important attributes for success at Ignition.

The DPIRD scholarships are open to WA residents only.

Applicants must be prepared to commit one full week of their time to an intensive and results-focused program. Fluency in spoken and written English is essential.

DPIRD Scholarship Applications are judged on their individual merit based on the following eligibility criteria:

- A need for the scholarship (i.e – you cannot fund the registration fee yourself),
- The novelty of your business/idea/innovation,
- Your idea or business falls within the Agriculture industry and is related to the production of grains,
- The likelihood of your business sustainability (market potential and uniqueness of your proposal),
- The preparation and action you have taken to progress your business/idea/innovation.

Award of scholarship places will be made by DPIRD and the Curtin Ignition team. The decision will be made based on the written information provided in the application form.

It is a condition of acceptance of your scholarship that you must participate in any surveys assigned by DPIRD and/or Curtin Ignition.

Apply online at: www.ignition.curtin.edu.au - closing date is **July 13th 2018**.

Scholarships are limited to one per business, and terms and conditions apply.