

2012 Innovation in Dairy Manufacturing Award

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am working on a confidential project. Can I apply?

Yes. The award is suitable for confidential projects. The applicant can request to have the company specific data from the project to be kept confidential for up to two years. Generic information and learnings from the project will need to be shared with the industry.

2. I am a researcher at University. Can I apply?

Yes. Researchers can apply. However, the major focus is innovation rather than research. Therefore, there will be a need to link in with one or more dairy manufacturers to ensure that the results of the innovation are relevant and will be adopted by the industry.

3. I work for a dairy manufacturing company. Can I apply?

Yes. Persons currently working in the dairy manufacturing industry are encouraged to apply. The application should clearly address the selection criteria – see flyer and application form.

4. I am consultant assisting a dairy manufacturer. Can I apply?

Yes. Consultants in collaboration with one or more dairy manufacturing companies are encouraged to apply clearly addressing the selection criteria – see flyer and application form.

5. My proposed submission relates to a packaging innovation. Can I apply?

Yes. This award applies to any innovation that benefits the dairy manufacturing sector.

6. Can this award be used for a project which is part of a larger project?

Yes. The key point is that the results of this project should be shared with the wider industry. (See point 1 above regarding confidential projects)

7. I will not be able to complete the project and activities by end of 2012. Can I apply?

No. A key requirement is that all activities relevant to the award must be completed by the end of 2012.

8. I am an overseas student studying at an Australian University. Can I apply?

No. The selection criteria clearly state that the applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

9. I am not able to finalise my application by the closing date for a number of reasons. Can I get an extension?

No. Unfortunately, extension of closing date is not possible because of tight timelines on judging and finalising applications. If the applicant is planning to be overseas or on leave during Nov 2011 - Jan 2012, it is advisable that the application be submitted earlier before the applicant goes overseas or commences leave.

10. I have limited experience as I am new to the dairy industry work force. Can I apply?

Yes. Persons new to the dairy industry are encouraged to apply.

11. I will need to access the award funds to start my project. Can I still apply?

Yes. Payments will be made progressively based on your project requirements and agreed milestones. Some funds can be made available upfront if the need is suitably justified. A full reconciliation and receipts will need to be provided at the conclusion of the project.

12. My innovation relates to goat milk products. Can I apply?

No. The innovation must relate to cow milk for this award.

More information

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