QAAFI Industry Placement Award Guidelines

Background

The UQ Graduate School Career Development Framework facilitates industry experiences, as Placements, to allow HDR candidates to experience current practice and develop networks while demonstrating and strengthening your transferable, professional and research skills.

QAAFI is committed to supporting HDR students to take advantage of the Industry Placement Scheme to provide students with direct experience in working with industry or eligible government research partners. It is also clear that there are financial hurdles to students undertaking placements that require relocation.

While enriching students understanding of the needs of industry, this scheme represents an invaluable way to develop contacts and experiences that students can take advantage of in developing future career options. There is also a benefit to QAAFI in tightening the engagement with key industry and Government partners.

Further information on the UQ Graduate School Placements Scheme is available at:

https://cdf.graduate-school.uq.edu.au/hdr-placements

QAAFI understands that undertaking a placement can impose a financial burden on students that may prevent taking advantage of this opportunity and provides a QAAFI Industry Placement Award to eligible students.

Terms and Conditions

1. To be eligible for funding, applicants are required to:

    1.1 Be currently enrolled PhD or MPhil candidates (full-time or part-time) with your enrolling school/unit listed officially as Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation;
    1.2 Successfully organise an Industry Placement through the UQ Graduate School with an eligible organisation that has a Placement Agreement in place;
    1.3 Submit an application for a QAAFI Industry Placement Award, with appropriate supporting documentation, prior to undertaking an Industry Placement.
    1.4 It is an applicant's responsibility to ensure that a placement can be undertaken within the terms and conditions of their underlying HDR scholarship, and that an Industry Placement will not impact the completion of their HDR program within the overall scholarship period (noting the UQ Graduate School provides a UQ Industry Placement Scholarship for eligible students who hold a Graduate School Scholarship).

2. The value of the award

    2.1 $3,000 if the applicant holds a Graduate School Scholarship and is undertaking a placement at a site **within** 50km of their usual place of residence;
    2.2 $5,000 if the applicant holds a Graduate School Scholarship and is conducting a placement at a site **more than** 50 km from their usual place of residence.

3. Approval is based on the written application presented to the Selection Committee. Applications without sufficient supporting documentation will not be considered. Consideration may be given to any other factors that the Selection Committee considers to be appropriate and in line with QAAFI's strategic direction and priorities.

4. The Award is paid in two instalments, one in the first week of placement, and the second one halfway through the Industry Placement.
5. Should an Industry Placement that has commenced not proceed, the Selection Committee will review arrangements for the second payment on a case-by-case basis.
6. The QAAFI Industry Placements Award scheme is considered 'active' from 1 January 2025; retrospective cases will only be considered within the calendar year of the Industry Placement. The Selection Committee will consider variations on a case-by-case basis.
7. QAAFI reserves the right to revise the QAAFI Industry Placements Award terms and conditions at any time.
8. Funding is subject to budget availability and award is not guaranteed.

Application

Applications can be submitted throughout the year via an online application form - https://survey.app.uq.edu.au/QAAFI-Industry-Placement-Award

Notification

Applicants will be advised by email of the outcome of the application within three weeks. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit their application with sufficient processing time.