

# SNAPSHOT

## EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PATHWAYS PROGRAM: CREATING A HIGHLY SKILLED MEAT INDUSTRY – YEAR 2

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### **Project Description**

The Educational Scholarship Pathways Program: Creating a Highly Skilled Meat Industry (EP Project) aims to create a holistic educational program at RMIT University to develop people that will have the skills and knowledge to contribute to the Australian meat industry over the coming decades.

### **Project Content**

The project content comprises the following:

- Bachelor Degree Program. Aims to develop the skills of students with coursework at the bachelor degree level and through recognition of top students (student awards)
- Honours Degree Program. Aims to recruit students looking for a research career, but not yet ready to enter a doctoral program, for either working in the industry or progressing to higher (PhD) studies
- PhD / Master by Research Program. Aims to recruit graduates in a variety of specialisations (e. g. food science, food engineering) for doctoral degrees, leading to scientists capable of leading meat-related research in the future
- Postdoctoral fellow. Aims to recruit a postdoctoral fellow to provide support to contribute research, student supervision

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and industry liaison and demonstrate the sophisticated nature of the research projects undertaken

**Project Outcome**

1. People outcomes. University graduates ideally placed to work in the Australian red meat industry, with knowledge, skills and understanding of the issues and problems facing the industry, or (alternatively) graduates who will go on to lead their research programs in meat at a university level.
2. Technical outcomes. Reports, knowledge and technical applications for industry developed as a result of Honours and PhD level research.

**Benefit for Industry**

By clustering research students, a postdoctoral fellow and visiting scientists, the program will create a hub for meat science and technology research, delivering an ongoing supply of technologically sophisticated scientists and engineers who will be able to work either in research or the red meat industry.

## MILESTONES

Milestones are summarised below. Milestone Reports (in full) were submitted to AMPC.

| Milestone | Description  | Status  |
|-----------|--|---|
| 1         | Delivery to AMPC of evidence of acceptance of a scholarship under this project by the 5 <sup>th</sup> student selected for a PhD scholarship         | <b>Achieved</b> - 5 <sup>th</sup> PhD student (Robert Borcich) appointed  |
| 2         | Delivery to AMPC of evidence of acceptance of a scholarship under this project by the 6 <sup>th</sup> student selected for a Master/ PhD scholarship | <b>Achieved</b> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Master/PhD student (Michelle Xu) appointed  |
| 3         | Delivery to AMPC of evidence of 1 <sup>st</sup> year annual academic report for 1 <sup>st</sup> PhD student  | <b>Achieved</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> year annual academic report for 1 <sup>st</sup> PhD student (Patience Shoko) submitted to AMPC    |
| 4         | Delivery to AMPC of evidence of acceptance of a scholarship under this project by the 1 <sup>st</sup> student selected for the Honours scholarship   | <b>Achieved</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Honours student (Alexandra Jenny Van Der Wolde) appointed   |
| 5         | Delivery to AMPC of evidence of acceptance of a scholarship under this project by the 2 <sup>nd</sup> student selected for the Honours scholarship   | <b>Achieved</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Honours student (Jeremy Landry ) appointed  |
| 6, 7, 8   | Delivery to AMPC of evidence of 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> awards for undergraduate prizes                                | <b>Achieved</b> - three awards given ( Kevion Darmawan, Sandra Salim, Michelle Xu)  |
| 9         | Delivery to AMPC of evidence of 1 <sup>st</sup> year annual academic report for 2 <sup>nd</sup> PhD student  | <b>Achieved</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> year annual academic report for 2 <sup>nd</sup> PhD student (Nelum Pematilleke) submitted to AMPC |
| 10        | Delivery to AMPC of evidence of year 2 Postdoctoral position funded under this project by the selected candidate                                     | <b>Achieved</b> - Postdoc appointed (Mandeep Kaur)  |
| 11        | Delivery to AMPC of evidence of 1 <sup>st</sup> year annual academic report for 3 <sup>rd</sup> PhD student  | <b>Achieved</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> year annual academic report for 3 <sup>rd</sup> PhD student (Nidhi Jindal) submitted to AMPC      |
| 12        | Delivery to AMPC of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Honours student research completion report/snapshot  | <b>Achieved</b> - report submitted to AMPC  |
| 13        | Delivery to AMPC of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Honours student research completion report/snapshot  | <b>Achieved</b> - report submitted to AMPC  |
| 14        | Delivery to AMPC of evidence of 1 <sup>st</sup> year annual academic report for 4 <sup>th</sup> PhD student  | <b>Achieved</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> year annual academic report for 4 <sup>th</sup> PhD student (Elena Zafiris) submitted to AMPC     |
| 15        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> year milestone report, including evidence of industry engagement, and snapshot submitted to and approved by AMPC                     | <b>Submitted</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> year milestone report and snapshot (this report) submitted to AMPC                               |
| 16        | Steering Committee meeting (face to face or video conference)  | Date to be confirmed  |
| 17        | Major Milestone Review - 2 <sup>nd</sup> year review of program progress by AMPC and RMIT  | Date to be confirmed  |

