

Agricultural High School FAQ's

Who can apply?

Agricultural High Schools located in Australia.

If you have any questions about your school's eligibility for this program, please contact programs@agrifutures.com.au

What defines an Agricultural High School?

An Agricultural High School for the purpose of this grant is defined as a high school with a designated agricultural department.

Does my school need an ABN to apply?

Yes, an ABN is required to make the grant payment.

Does my school need to be registered for GST?

Yes, the applying school is required to be registered for GST.

If my application is successful, when will my school receive the grant payment?

Grant payments are split into two (2) payments. An initial payment covering 60% of the grant value will be paid on the execution of the grant agreement. The remaining 40% will be paid upon the submission and approval of an activity progress report, at an agreed date. This is usually half way through the project but will be negotiated with each successful school.

Do I need to provide receipts and other expenditure documentation at the end of the project?

A final financial statement will be required at the completion of the project detailing grant fund expenditure. Receipts should be submitted where possible, however receipts may not be available for some aspects of the project costs e.g., administrative and project management costs.

What if my school does not spend all the grant funds?

At the completion of the project, all granted funds are to be reconciled against the final financial statement. Any unspent funds will be recovered at the end of the project by AgriFutures Australia.

Is there a minimum number of students required?

Yes, a minimum of 10 students are required to participate in the program. This ensures grant funding is maximised at the grass roots level for a broader impact.

What types of activities can schools apply for?

Schools can apply to undertake activities that clearly builds student capacity to learn, understand and incorporate technology on-farm. Examples of activities include:

- Excursions to demo farms/ trial site visits.

- Delivery of capacity building workshops and resources.
- Trialling on-farm or on-boat technology when school resources permit e.g., soil moisture probes, apps that support production activities etc.

Can we use the grant to purchase technology and equipment?

Yes, however you will need to clearly demonstrate in your application how the purchasing of technology or equipment will enable learning opportunities for students. Your application should also detail how many students will directly/indirectly benefit from this.

How long can the project run for?

Projects can run for up to 12 months.

Can any expenses incurred prior to the commencement of the project be claimed during the project?

No, only expenses incurred after the execution of the Funding Agreement are eligible to be covered by the grant.

Can this project funding be used in conjunction with any other grant funding?

Yes, however your school needs to have already received the other funding or demonstrate that the project can still be effectively delivered should the other grant funds not be received.

Can eligible Agricultural High Schools run workshops for their students using this grant?

Yes, Agricultural High Schools can run a digital technology focussed capacity building workshop of their choice as part of the grant.

Are there specific agtech services and devices that must be included in the projects?

No, the program is designed to address producer's barriers to adoption for any agtech within their business. We encourage schools to think about specific barriers for adoption of services and devices and design a project enabling students to learn about and understand these barriers to incorporating technology on-farm.