



## Media Release

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### AGWA opens first round of applications for post-graduate scholarships

The Australian Grape and Wine Authority (AGWA) is accepting applications until Friday 7 November 2014 for PhD, Masters and Honours scholarships to commence in 2015.

AGWA's commitment to academic scholarships is one way in which it supports a competitive Australian wine sector across the whole value chain, 'from vine to glass.'

The scholarships aim to attract postgraduate students to study in wine- and viticulture-related fields.

AGWA's General Manager of Research, Development and Extension (RD&E), Kate Harvey says, "AGWA is committed to supporting academic endeavour and we want to encourage the enthusiasm and fresh approach of our past, current and future post-graduate candidates.

"We anticipate that recipients of these scholarships will represent the future leaders in grape and wine research and will make positive contributions to the wine community and Australian agricultural sector."

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence, the quality of the applicant's *Curriculum Vitae* and the likelihood of the applicant's ongoing involvement and contribution to the Australian wine sector.

Students are encouraged to apply for Australian postgraduate award (APA) scholarships (or equivalent) through their host university.

AGWA offers supplementary or full scholarships, with strong preference given to students who receive an APA or equivalent scholarship.

Applications will be assessed by AGWA R&D Program Managers against specific criteria including funding availability. AGWA is the sole arbiter in how many and which PhD, Masters and Honours applications it will support.

Applicants are advised to consult AGWA's (formerly GWRDC) *Strategic Research, Development and Extension Plan 2012–17* and the *Guidelines for PhD, Masters and Honours Applications* when developing their applications. These documents are available on the [AGWA R&D](#) website.

Applications close Friday, 7 November 2014.

Scholarships will commence from 1 January 2015.

All application queries should be directed to [applications@agwa.net.au](mailto:applications@agwa.net.au).

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**About the Australian Grape and Wine Authority**

The Australian Grape and Wine Authority (AGWA) supports a competitive wine sector by investing in research, development and extension (RD&E), growing domestic and international markets and protecting the reputation of Australian wine.

AGWA is funded by grape growers and winemakers through levies and user-pays charges and the Australian Government, which provides matching funding for R&D investments.

AGWA is a Commonwealth statutory authority established under the Australian Grape and Wine Authority Act 2013 that commenced on 1 July 2014, replacing the Wine Australia Corporation and the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation.