

# SNAPSHOT

## EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS: CREATING A HIGHLY SKILLED MEAT INDUSTRY – YEAR 1

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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
- Post-doctoral fellow. Aims to recruit a postdoctoral fellow to provide support to contribute research, student supervision 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 post-doctoral fellow and visiting scientists, the program will create a hub for meat science and technology research,

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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 on 8/12/2017. Milestones 1-4, 10, 11 were approved / milestones 5-9 were deleted / milestones 12, 13 were reforecast (AMPC, 18/12/2017).

Milestone(s)	Description	Status*
2	Initial Steering Committee meeting to launch program.	<b>Achieved</b> Initial SC Meeting 09/03/2017
1, 3, 10, 11	Delivery to AMPC of evidence of acceptance of a scholarship under this Project by the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> students (respectively) selected for PhD scholarships.	<b>Achieved</b> Four students appointed (Patience Shoko, Nelum Pematilleke, Nidhi Jindal, Elena Zafiris)
4	Delivery to AMPC of evidence of acceptance of a Post-doctoral position funded under this Project by the selected candidate.	<b>Achieved</b> Postdoc appointed (Chris Pillidge)
5, 6	Delivery to AMPC of evidence of acceptance of a scholarship under this Project by the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> students selected for the 2016 Honours scholarships.	<b>Not achieved</b> It was mutually agreed between AMPC and RMIT that these milestones be deleted
7, 8, 9	Delivery of 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Awards (respectively) for Undergraduate scholarships.	<b>Not achieved</b> It was mutually agreed between AMPC and RMIT that these milestones be deleted
12, 13	Delivery to AMPC 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Honours Student Research Completion Reports/SnapShots.	<b>In progress</b> Restructured to recruitment of 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hons students and rescheduled to 08/02/2018 by AMPC
14	1st year milestone report, including evidence of industry engagement, and SnapShot submitted to and approved by AMPC	<b>In progress</b> SnapShot – this report Year 1 Report is in progress
15	Steering Committee meeting (face to face or video conference).	SC meeting on 19/02/2018
16	Major Milestone Review 1st year review of program progress by AMPC and RMIT/Steering Committee meeting (face to face or video conference).	Scheduled for 5/03/2018

\*Achieved milestones were approved by AMPC to be invoiced / milestones not achieved were deleted and the AMPC funding was cancelled

