Expression of Interest EOI

Part 1 – General Details

EOI ID	1096
EOI Title	26-27 Summer and Honours Scholarships
Type of Research	Capacity and education
Expected Start Date	02/11/2026
Expected End Date	30/06/2027
CRDC Pillar	2. People
CRDC Theme	2.2 Leadership and Capacity
CRDC Outcome	2.2.1 By 2028, the industry has access to the right skills and capacity to support research and development
EOI Close Date	16/12/2026

Part 2 – Expression of Interest Requirements

Issue to be addressed and project description:

Introduction: the following will assist you in applying for a CRDC Summer and Honours Scholarship.

About us: The Cotton Research and Development Corporation *Summer and Honours Scholarship Program* plays an important role in addressing cotton research skill gaps and cotton research priorities. Supporting the development of people and skills in research, development and extension ensures the cotton industry has world class research capability, helping to solve complex challenges in the cotton industry and its communities.

CRDC delivers world-leading outcomes in cotton research, development and extension (RD&E) for the Australian cotton industry. A partnership between the Commonwealth and cotton growers, CRDC exists to grow the sustainable future of cotton through innovation with impact. This program is supported by levies from Australian cotton growers and matching funds from the Australian Government.

Summer and Honours Scholarship

Scholarships up to $10,000 are available for public or private research organisations to support undergraduates working on cotton-related projects. CRDC seeks high-achieving students interested in short research, extension, or industry projects that deliver impact for the Australian cotton industry.

Applying:

*To apply for CRDC scholarship funding , you need to register for CRDC's grant management system,

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*We strongly recommend you have a good understanding and your research aligns with CRDC's Strategic priorities for 2023 - 2028

*CottonInfo provides regional extension officers and technical experts with latest research driven information. For more visit: CottonInfo

*CRDC's digital library provides access to cottons research since 1986, INSIDE COTTON LIBRARY

Eligibility criteria: To be eligible candidates must:

*Be enrolled in undergraduate degree and/or approved Honours program with a recognised institution

*Open to all university students of a high academic merit

*The scholarship contract is with the research institution (university or research organisation), not the student (applicant).

*Application proposal should be developed in consultation with your research institution. Any concerns can be highlighted in the application

Expected project outputs and outcomes:

Output:

At the conclusion of a CRDC-funded research project, the students must provide a final report to the CRDC by the date specified in the contract.

Final reports will be published on the Inside Cotton website.

Outcome:

CRDC Summer and Honour investments help students develop career pathways by providing hands-on experience in agricultural science, supported by industry professional and researchers. These opportunities foster the growth of early-career researchers within the Australian cotton sector. Students acquire practical research skills, build industry connections, and gain access to further study options such as PhD and other Higher Degree Research (HDR) programs. The projects offer valuable outcomes for students, the industry, and scientific advancement, addressing key challenges and supporting CRDC's strategic objectives.

Project Investment:

Year	**2026/27**			**TOTAL**
Indicative budget (up to)	$10,000.00			$10,000.00

Additional guidance:

To apply, follow this process. For further information, contact the CRDC Innovation Administration team on 02 6792 4088 or via research@crdc.com.au.

This EOI is not a guarantee of funding.