

South Australian Potato Industry Scholarship

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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The South Australian Potato Industry Scholarship gives people in the potato industry the opportunity to access a **scholarship of up to \$10,000** to support professional development or training.



About

The South Australian Potato Industry Trust (SAPIT) was established in 1987 from the formerly grower funded South Australian Potato Board. The Trust supports research and development into all aspects of the farming and sale of potatoes and potato products and the general development and promotion of the potato industry in South Australia.

SAPIT recognises the importance of capacity building and skill development so established the Potato Industry Scholarship.

The scholarship aims to encourage involvement, support professional development and increase skills in the potato industry.

Professional development and training areas

Applicants can select professional development or training which build skills in:

- Leadership
- Agronomy
- Logistics
- Food processing or innovation
- Management or business.

Applicants must describe how building skills in these areas will increase their ability to positively contribute to the potato industry.

Eligibility

Open to individuals directly involved in the production phase, with a minimum of one year working in the potato industry.

Applicants must be working or studying in South Australia and must be an Australian citizen / permanent resident.

Investment is not retrospective and must be for a future purpose.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must complete the attached form, and demonstrate:

- Their commitment and interest in the potato industry.
- Academic excellence or relevant professional experience.
- Potential for positive impact on the industry.

Conditions of entry:

- Applicants must provide a clear budget for the professional development / training opportunity including travel / accommodation. SAPIT will contribute a maximum of up to \$10,000 (ex GST).
- Training / professional development must be completed in the 24/25 financial year.
- Applicants must provide a copy of their resume including a profile photo and the details of two referees.
- Following the training, participants must write a report detailing how they used the scholarship, and the benefits to the potato industry (estimate 2-3 pages with photos or a small video which provides evidence of participation).
- Applicants must be currently working in the SA potato industry and are over 18 years of age.

NOTE: The SAPIT Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the nominations.

How to apply

Applications are now open. The application form can be downloaded at: www.sapit.net.au

Complete the application form and submit to: admin@sapit.net.au

Deadline

Applications close **31 October 2025 at 5:00 pm**. No late applications will be considered.



For further information contact:

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Application Form

**Applicants may include one supporting A4 page if additional space is required.*

About the Applicant

Family Name	Given Name
Email address	Phone No.
Organisation	
Department	
Street address	
Suburb	P/C and State
Current role in the industry	
Current employer	

Proposed Training

Training / professional development opportunity: Please detail the training you wish to complete, indicating the cost, dates and training / professional development institute.

Demonstrate in 200 words or less why this would enable you to better contribute to the potato industry i.e. make a positive impact and how:

Describe your current role in the industry, and any aspirations you may have (this might include personal growth, or vision for the industry)

Budget: Please advise of the total project costing and indicate how much support is sought from SAPIT

**** note that applicants will need to contribute any costs over \$10,000. SAPIT can contribute a maximum of \$10,000**

Description	Total Budget	Applicants contribution	Details
Training			
Accommodation			
Travel			
Other			
TOTAL			

- ☐ I have attached my CV including a profile photo of myself.
- ☐ I have listed two professional referees who we may contact for a reference.
- ☐ I agree to writing a short report detailing my experience, and how the scholarship has benefited the industry. This should be around 2-3 pages with photos or a small video, providing evidence of participation. SAPIT may use this, and my profile photo, in their industry newsletter and on their social platforms. Any images provided must have the appropriate consent and demonstrate best practice.
- ☐ I meet the required eligibility and described selection criteria.

Participants will be notified by 10 December and contacted by SAPIT to arrange further details.



"This is your chance to build your skills, networks and contribute to the South Australian potato industry. We welcome your applications".

**MR PETER
COOPER -
CHAIRPERSON**