



Innovation in Dairy Manufacturing Award 2009

Applications are now open for the 2009 Innovation in Dairy Manufacturing Award

The Innovation in Dairy Manufacturing Award is a Dairy Australia initiative that aims to foster a culture of excellence and innovation within the Australian dairy manufacturing sector.

This inaugural Award comprises a \$20,000 Innovation Grant and an Award Certificate. The grant may be used to initiate or progress a manufacturing innovation activity, or to travel overseas to study a specific product or process, that presents an opportunity for the Australian dairy manufacturing sector.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- Be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- Be 18 years or older
- Be currently working within the dairy manufacturing sector or in industry related manufacturing innovation
- Be able to demonstrate a specific funding need aimed at initiating or advancing either a product or process innovation within dairy manufacturing

Potential areas of innovation could include but are not limited to:

- ~ Health benefit improvements of dairy products
- ~ Biosecurity
- ~ Process optimisation
- ~ Water use/reuse efficiency
- ~ Sustainability
- ~ Product Development
- ~ Productivity

- Have the ability to take the necessary time off work to undertake the commitments that form part of the Award

Applicants should:

- Supply a Curriculum Vitae
- Supply a detailed description of the proposed innovation project/use of the grant
- Supply details of two referees willing to be contacted as part of assessment of the application
- Be prepared to share their findings with the industry
- Be available to attend the 2009 Australian Grand Dairy Awards ceremony in Melbourne in February 2009
- Be able to complete all proposed Innovation activities within 2009

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Industry need for the proposed innovation
- Scope of application of proposed innovation
- Potential benefit(s) to industry of the proposed innovation
- Originality, Scientific and technical merit of the proposed innovation
- Skills and experience of applicant
- Quality of references

Selection Panel

The selection panel will consist of one representative each from Dairy Australia, Dairy Innovation Australia Ltd and the Australian dairy manufacturing sector.

Award Conditions

The following conditions apply to the Award.

- Each applicant shall provide all the details requested in the enclosed application form.
- The successful applicant's employer will provide necessary support to the applicant to complete the commitments of the Award
- All information provided by applicants or by others in connection with the application will be treated as confidential.
- Dairy Australia shall not be liable for any expenses incurred through accident or illness.
- The findings generated by this grant will need to be made available to the Australian dairy industry.
- The successful applicant should provide a written report to the selection committee within one month of the completion of the activity and make a relevant presentation at a mutually convenient Australian dairy industry meeting within 1 year of receipt of the award.
- The decision of the selection committee shall be final.
- Applications close at 5.00pm on October 31, 2008. The winner of the Award will be announced at the Australian Grand Dairy Awards event in February, 2009.
- The activities should be completed within 2009.

The Award application Form and the Award Conditions are available from the Dairy Australia website www.dairyaustralia.com.au Please refer to the home page.

Applications close 5.00pm 31 October 2008