



Innovate to Grow - Agrifood and Agtech, Western Australia

Applications are open for a free 8-week program for small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) working on innovative agrifood and agtech solutions. The program supports participants to explore how research and development (R&D) can advance their project or ideas.

Build your R&D idea

SMEs play a key role in growing Australia's innovation capability, but having the right support is critical to success.

Our free 8-week program will help build your skills and networks so you can learn how to advance your idea with R&D.

Apply today

Applications close: 07 June 2026

Program starts: 25 June 2026

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Key program outcomes

Refine your idea: We'll step you through the process of turning your idea into a viable research project.

Confidential feedback: Meet with a CSIRO facilitator to discuss your program exercises and business challenges.

Coaching: Learn more about research projects and get connected to an expert with help from an R&D coach.

Build your network: You will build key contacts in your sector, including researchers and other SMEs.

Key program outputs include how to:

- Identify strengths and weaknesses of your business idea
- Build your R&D project plan
- Develop your project roadmap and funding strategy
- Review your business idea and create a list of priorities and actions.

Commitment and course outline

Preparing for the program (3–4 hours)

Virtual onboarding session, pre-workshop video and reading materials.

Program start (25 June 2026)

Workshop (3.5 hours)

Guest speakers from CSIRO, sector experts and SMEs who will provide tips and information on topics such as trends and opportunities and innovation experience. You will also meet your fellow participants and R&D coach.

Weeks 1–8

Program timeline (2–3 hours per week)

Participants explore opportunities to grow their business through innovation and research.

Fortnightly virtual webinars for participant networking and guest speakers.

Program participants will be invited to an in-person meeting in the last week of the program in the Perth CBD.

Who can attend

Participants based and operating in Western Australia (WA) who are working on agrifood and agtech solutions. This can be in any sub-sector including:

- Meat and meat product manufacturing
- Agriculture and fishing support services
- Agri-tech and AI
- Food and beverage manufacturing, packaging, and transport
- Livestock and agriculture
- Value-add products
- Waste optimisation and recycling
- Energy reduction and circular economy.

Selection criteria (essential):

- A business based and operating in WA, Australia that is registered with an ABN
- A business classified as small to medium (<200 employees)
- An R&D idea to work on throughout the program related to agrifood or agtech.

Please note: Australian subsidiary companies of foreign entities are not eligible.

Other considerations:

- A strong alignment to the purpose of the program
- A clear desire to investigate a R&D project.

Previous participant

'The program gave me a lot of confidence in my project. It was really good to understand the key elements in the innovation process, explore the funding landscape and meet other innovators along the way.'

– Sofia Katzin, Flymumma Pty LTD

CSIRO Innovate to Grow is delivered using [Practera's](#) online ed-tech platform and facilitation services.

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