



## Frequently Asked Questions – Agriculture and Aquaculture Entrepreneurship Program Round 4

**Question: Am I eligible to apply for the program?**

**Answer:** Eligibility has a number of components:

- You need to be eligible as an individual. You must reside in Western Australia and your primary occupation needs to be in one of the categories listed.
- You also need to put forward a project that is eligible, seeking no more than \$20,000 with a clear and reasonable budget. The activities that you include in your budget must fit with those allowed under the program (see the Applicant Information document) and you need to apply using the Round 4 online form.
- Your application must be submitted by the closing date for Round 4.

**Question: Our business is just starting up and is not my ‘primary’ source of income. But I spend at least 60 per cent of my time on the business and I am a founding member of our co-op, so I work with this as well. Am I eligible?**

**Answer:** The applicant's 'primary' occupation must be in one of the eligible categories. The amount of time that you spend in your agricultural role/s can be the basis for eligibility under the 'primary' occupation rule. It does not have to be your main source of income.

**Question: Are projects that involve wild catch considered ‘aquaculture’ and therefore eligible for the program?**

**Answer:** Yes, aquaculture could involve keeping, breeding, hatching, culturing or harvesting activities. There is no intention to exclude segments of the fishing industry by using the term ‘aquaculture’. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the program officer to discuss project eligibility and the evaluation criteria if they are unsure.

**Question: Can I submit more than one application?**

**Answer:** There is no rule that limits the number of applications an individual may make. However, it is a competitive funding process – investing your effort into a single strong, application that stands out is more likely to result in funding than multiple, lower quality applications.



**Question: Can a partnership apply on behalf of an applicant?**

**Answer:** Yes, if the partnership is a legitimate legal entity and a business, it could apply on behalf of an applicant.

**Question: How do I make a strong application?**

**Answer:** Assuming your application is eligible, you will need to provide information that explains how your project meets the five evaluation criteria. The online form helps to guide you through this and give you tips on how to respond to the five criteria.

**Question: I have a few ideas and I am not sure which to include in my application. Should I put all my ideas into my application, and assume that the Government will come back to me with an offer of funding for the activities that look the best?**

**Answer:** No, you should not assume the Government will come back to you and negotiate changes to your application. It is best to focus your ideas.

**Question: I am thinking about applying for more than two people to travel together. How would the funding work? Would the funding just be split in half?**

**Answer:** Travel is limited to \$10,000 per person. An application can be for up to a maximum of \$20,000, regardless of the number of people involved. It is up to you to decide how the budget should be constructed so long as it stays within the eligible activities and funding limits for the program (see the Applicant Information document). Note that you would need to provide a reason why there is a case for funding more than one applicant.

**Question: Can an application include funding to bring an expert to Western Australia if it optimises knowledge sharing?**

**Answer:** Yes, depending on the circumstance this be an 'activity that helps with local application of the innovation' or 'local learning'.

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