



Commitments for hosting a Surveillance Residential

Program purpose

The PSNAP Surveillance Residential Program (referred to as Surveillance Residentials) has been established to enhance the national capability and capacity to detect plant pest by developing the skills of individuals. Those working in plant health surveillance will be able to gain essential skills and knowledge through experiences they would not otherwise have access to in their own organisation. The program also allows participants to share their ideas, build networks and leads to collaborations.

The program forms an integral component of the professional development framework for the Plant Surveillance Network Australasia-Pacific (PSNAP) and is mirrored off the success of the Diagnostic Residential Program run for the National Plant Biosecurity Diagnostic Network (NPBDN).

Overview

Surveillance Residentials allow individuals working in plant health surveillance to spend time in another workplace or location, or by participating in relevant activities that improve the national capability to detect plant pests.

Projects should show benefit to the PSNAP and address a known plant health surveillance gap or improve the capability to detect one of the following.

1. A National Priority Plant Pest (NPPP) (agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/national-priority-plant-pests-2019)
2. A pest on the 'Plant diseases and their Pathogens'¹ section of the Priority list of exotic environmental pests and diseases (agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/environmental/priority-list)
3. A High Priority Pest of plant industries. These are listed in Biosecurity Plans for industries.
4. An emerging plant pest.

The length of a Surveillance Residential will depend on the project activities and the specified outcomes. It is anticipated that residentials will be 5-14 days long. After the project is carried out, recipients must meet their reporting requirements, present their project at an Annual Surveillance Workshop and train two people in their home organisation on the skills learned.

Commitments of host organisation

The host organisation's endorsement in support of an application for the PSNAP Surveillance Residential Program indicates the following have been considered and agreed to:

- The time and resources involved in planning for and hosting a Surveillance Residential.
- The most appropriate timeframe for the Surveillance Residential to be carried out. This includes both the seasonal requirements for the defined project and the host resourcing requirements to carry out their required workload during the timeframe.
- Any known restrictions relating to COVID-19 have been factored into the project design.
- The completion and return of the feedback form provided for the Surveillance Residential.

Timelines

Applications for the program close COB Friday 26 March 2021 and the outcomes will be provided in May 2021. It is preferred that the Surveillance Residentials are undertaken prior to the end of June 2022. However, due to travel restrictions relating to COVID-19 successful applicants can discuss their needs.

Contact

Contact the PSNAP Coordinator at PSNAP@phau.com.au or (02) 6215 7700 for further information.

¹ The *Plant diseases and their Pathogens* list is directly available at haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/48658/documents/114288