



Guidelines for the PSNAP Surveillance Residential Program

Introduction to the Surveillance Residential Program

The PSNAP Surveillance Residential Program has been established to enhance the national surveillance capability and capacity to detect plant pests by developing the skills of individuals. Those working in plant health surveillance will gain essential skills and knowledge through work experience and placements opportunities they would not otherwise have access to in their own organisation. The program allows participants to share their ideas and experience, leading to greater collaboration and building existing networks.

The program forms an integral component of the professional development framework for the Plant Surveillance Network Australasia-Pacific (PSNAP).

Overview

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

Potential examples include:

- Attending a relevant workshop or training event to fill a known gap in national plant health surveillance
- Learning new techniques and gaining exposure to different surveillance activities by participating in a program, where the techniques or practices are currently implemented
- Improving field triage skills by working with an expert for the target pest(s)
- Improving sampling and transport methods to enhance diagnostic outcomes by spending time with an expert for the target pest(s) and/or spending time in a diagnostic laboratory
- Participating in a surveillance program to gain greater field experience and understanding of surveillance logistics
- Arranging for an expert to visit your workplace to train staff in a specific skill or share information not currently held within the group

These are just a few examples. Applicants are encouraged to think outside the box when designing their Surveillance Residential Project.

Projects should show benefit to the PSNAP and address a known plant health surveillance gap or improve the capability to detect known, or emerging, high priority plant pests:

(<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/plant>).

The length of a Surveillance Residential will depend on the project activities and the specified outcomes. It is anticipated that residentials will be approximately 5-14 days long but may be longer in some cases. After the project is carried out, recipients must meet reporting requirements, present their project at the Annual Surveillance Workshop and develop one or more ways to transfer their learnings back to their organisation or the network. Applications for intrastate, interstate and potentially overseas will all be considered.

Eligibility

PSNAP members¹ currently employed in an organisation associated with undertaking plant health surveillance in the Australasia Pacific region are eligible to apply for the program, including members from an industry, research or government.

¹ To join the PSNAP visit plantsurveillance.net.au/join/



Applications

Surveillance Residential Project applications should clearly address each field in the application form, including endorsement from the applicant's line manager and host organisation manager. Download the application form from the members area of the PSNAP website (plantsurveillance.network.net.au/events/). Submit completed forms to the PSNAP Coordinator (PSNAP@phau.com.au).

Assessment of applications

All applications will be assessed by the Plant Surveillance Network Working Group, under the Subcommittee on National Plant Health Surveillance (SNPHS), based on the following criteria.

The project demonstrates:

1. Benefits to national plant health surveillance and the PSNAP, through building surveillance capability and/or capacity
2. Benefits to the applicants' organisation and the host organisation
3. Clear and valuable outcomes and outputs
4. Means to disseminate outcomes and outputs to the applicant's organisation and the PSNAP
5. An alternative plan in the event of travel restrictions
6. Value for money.

Successful applicants will be notified of the outcome by email and provided further information (e.g. reporting templates) .

Guide to budgets

The anticipated budget range is \$3,000 to \$10,000. Applicants may propose budgets outside this range if value for money is demonstrated. The program encourages collaborations between participating organisations. The program will cover the costs of travel, accommodation, field or bench fees (if applicable) and some consumables. In kind support from participating organisations is expected, and can include wages, registration fees (for associated conferences and workshops) and some consumables.

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Contact

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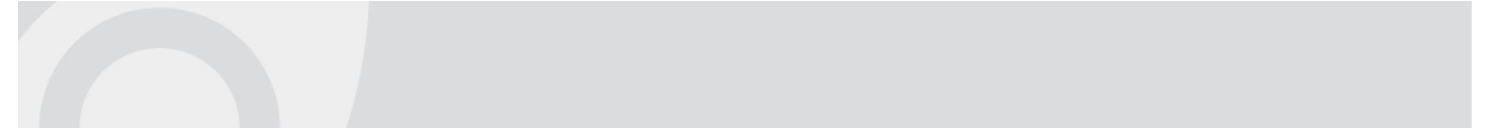
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PSNAP members² currently employed in an organisation relevant to the plant health surveillance in Australia or New Zealand are eligible for the program. Organisations from the industry, research or government sectors are included.

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