



Industry Development Grant Terms and Conditions

The Australian Alpaca Association Limited (AAA) is the peak national body for the alpaca producing industry in Australia. AAA is the only national organisation that can speak on behalf of the alpaca industry and represent the concerns and hopes of the alpaca community.

AAA is led by a democratically elected representative Board made up of alpaca producers from around Australia. The AAA runs one of the most internationally advanced alpaca registers of bloodlines and breeding predictors (the International Alpaca Registry) to generate continual improvement in herd quality and worldwide reputation.

1. Eligibility

The Industry Development Grant is a competitive annual grant offered by the AAA. It supports industry research or development projects which contribute to the development of a successful and sustainable alpaca industry in Australia.

Projects must offer a direct and measurable benefit to the wider Australian alpaca industry and must align with the mission, values, and strategic goals of the AAA.

Projects must commence within six months and complete within two years from the date of signing of a grant agreement. If the funding is a component of a larger project, then the component must be able to meet these timelines.

Business-as-usual activities are not eligible for funding.

Applicants must be associated with a business, company, not-for-profit organisation, or educational institution within Australia. The entity must have a current ABN or ACN, which is to be supplied on the application form.

Members of the AAA who also meet the above criteria are eligible to apply.

Directors of the AAA, their immediate families, and business associates are not eligible to apply. Past AAA directors are not eligible to apply until two years after ceasing in that role.

2. Grant Amount

The maximum grant amount being offered in 2023 is AUD \$5,000 (GST exclusive).

Applications will be accepted for projects having a greater total value, where the remainder of funding is to be provided from other sources. In which case, the project funding sought must be for an identifiable component of the larger project.

For example, a university group is studying alpaca genetics. The project funding will enable fieldwork to be undertaken. Analysis of fieldwork data and preliminary findings will be presented in a webinar to AAA members within two years. The completion and formal publication of the total research project will be undertaken over a longer timeline.

3. Application Process

Submission

All applications must be submitted on the AAA Industry Development Grant application form. The information provided in the application form is part of these terms and conditions.

Applications must be submitted in pdf as an email attachment to info@alpaca.asn.au

The closing date for the 2023 round is **midnight on 30th June 2023**. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be accepted.

Written letters of support from referees are mandatory and must be submitted prior to the closing date.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the AAA Board. They will make recommendations to the AAA Board on the merit of applications and propose a winning applicant.

Notification of Outcome

The AAA has complete authority over the awarding of the grant and reserves the right not to award any grant in any year if it so chooses.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome in writing of the result of their application.

The winning applicant will be announced publicly by the AAA and the project summary will be published on the AAA website.

4. Grant Agreement

The winning applicant will be required to enter into a written grant agreement with the AAA.

The grant agreement will specify the agreed payment arrangements, milestones, timeline, deliverables, record-keeping and reporting requirements, publication and communication arrangements and evidence, that the grant funds were expended on approved activities in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement.

Successful grant applications do not result in any employment relationship with the AAA and infer no rights to act as a spokesperson on behalf of the AAA, its members, or the alpaca industry in Australia.

5. Intellectual Property

Intellectual property resulting from funded activities remains with the organisation or individual undertaking the project.

6. Funding Acknowledgement

All publications and communications relating to the funded project will acknowledge the support of the Australian Alpaca Association Industry Development Fund.

7. Further Information

Please contact info@alpaca.asn.au if you have additional questions about the application process or wish to clarify any of the terms or conditions.