National Industry PhD Program

Curtin University

Information for INDUSTRY PARTNERS

The National Industry PhD Program is an Australian Government initiative that funds PhD candidates to undertake industry-focused research projects co-designed by a university and an eligible Australian business. The purpose is to enhance collaboration between universities and industry, foster more tangible research impact, and create researchers able to work across both sectors.

Solve

Solve a problem that matters to your industry or business.

Access

Access university facilities and capabilities.

Talent

Develop a talent pipeline of highly trained future employees with industry experience.

Create

Create new knowledge and great IP for your industry, generating new opportunities.

Grow

Grow your professional network.

Support

Access financial support through the R&D Tax Incentive and directly from the program.

GET IN TOUCH

To connect with your representative for the National Industry PhD Program, email: **industryphd@campusplus.com.au**

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What do you need to do?

Industry Partners involved in the National Industry PhD Program provide PhD candidate support in several ways:

- Industry supervision and direction to the PhD candidate
- Oversee the research project in collaboration with university researchers
- Create industry-centric professional development opportunities for the candidate

TWO DIFFERENT STREAMS

INDUSTRY LINKED STREAM

Work with a full time PhD student dedicated to doing research designed with your input and directly relevant to improving your business.

Cost Considerations

The cost to you is $10,000 per year for up to 4 years (or part time equivalent).

INDUSTRY RESEARCHER STREAM

Upskill a valued employee via a PhD qualification. They retain their salary while doing research designed with your input and directly relevant to improving your business.

Cost Considerations

Employers receive a salary subsidy of ~$48,000 per year (2026) for up to 4 years or part time equivalent.

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PARTICIPANT VOICE

"Getting a PhD candidate in the business is essentially subsidised by the Program. We're a new starter in our infrastructure planning and advisory business and the Program allowed us to get a PhD candidate on board to really kick start that part of our business."

Ben Harte
Principal/Director Hartecs Group & NIPhD Industry Supervisor.

"I could see where there were gaps within the industry, and I started to think, 'how could we improve this or how could we make it better?' So I really liked that the NIPhD Program allows for that collaboration with universities for industry."

Casey Atkins
Paralympic Assistant Coach, Swimming Australia + NIPhD PhD Candidate

Case Studies