

The C Y O'Connor ERADE Village Foundation Incorporated

INNOVATION GRANTS

The C Y O'Connor ERADE Village Foundation intends, in each year, to make up to five grants of \$30,000 each for projects which will advance innovation in agriculture.

The grants will support innovators/researchers participating in the C Y O'Connor Village at North Dandalup, Western Australia. Participants will be expected to contribute to the Village community and attend Village seminars and events.

The grant will be for a 12 month participation at the Village. There should be no expectation of a renewal or ongoing assistance, irrespective of achievement or otherwise of project goals. Nevertheless, nearing conclusion of that 12 month period, the project will be collaboratively reviewed as to whether some form of continuing support will be available.

Successful applicants will be allocated workspace within the Village, without charge for the first year of the project. The Village has functioning laboratories and access to wi-fi internet, which is also available to grant recipients. Participants may use the Foundation's laboratory equipment. If the project requires equipment or laboratory facilities not currently available, the Foundation may consider purchasing such equipment or may be able to assist access to such equipment or facilities in other institutions. Consumables will be the responsibility of grant recipients.

The Foundation includes members with scientific, technical and business skills, which are available to support participants. Members also have diverse connections to agricultural industries, which may be of assistance.

There is a limited amount of living accommodation on-site, and more is planned. The Foundation can assist in obtaining nearby rental accommodation from third parties.

Projects directed to the development of successful businesses, including the creation of exploitable intellectual property, will be favoured. Existing businesses which propose projects aimed at augmenting their businesses will be considered.

The Foundation recognizes the importance of the development of intellectual property by proponents. Applications will be treated in strict confidence. The Foundation has experience in patent applications in various jurisdictions and can assist to some extent. It may be prepared to assist financially in the cost of patent applications.

Applicants may be requested to supply additional information. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a legal agreement with the Foundation.

Applications for the current round should be submitted using the attached form by 31 July 2021.