Dear Colleague,

**2024 GRDC Grains Research Updates**

**Expression of Interest Application from “new” researchers**

The annual two day GRDC Western Region Grains Research Update for 2023 will be held at Crown Perth on **Monday 26th February** and **Tuesday 27th February 2024**.

As you will be aware, these popular Updates are run as in-person conference style events with plenty of time for networking.

Topics and speakers are now being sought to deliver research results and information of value to WA grain growers. The emphasis is on new research, innovations and advice with direct applicability to grain growers in the next one to three years, however some space has also been reserved in the program for the presentation of new initiatives or “blue sky” research expected to have longer term benefits for grain farm productivity and profitability.

**A popular feature that we wish to continue in 2024, is to dedicate part of the Perth Update to a series of short (10-15 minute) slots to feature research being undertaken by “new researchers” or “early career researchers” (post docs, PhD students close to finishing, early career scientists). Presentations selected for presentation should feature new research or innovations of value to Western Australian grain growers.**

We ask you to please consider submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) to present at the 2024 event and optionally to prepare a paper for inclusion in the Grains Research Updates proceedings by completing the EOI form attached to this letter. Programs for the Perth and Regional Update events will be developed to address the priority areas for improving on-farm productivity and profitability for WA grain farms from the EOI’s as well as inviting presenters to address specific topics. You will appreciate that not all proposals to present at the Grains Research Updates can be accommodated due to time constraints with the programs.

The Grains Research Updates have been held annually in WA since the early 1990’s and have established a reputation as the state’s premier event for the grains industry and for providing growers, advisers, agronomists, farm business consultants, researchers and agribusiness with the latest grain industry research results. In 2021, there were over 600 attendees at the GRDC Grains Research Update in Perth.

Please forward this call for Expressions of Interest to any colleagues you believe may wish to submit a paper and present as part of the 2023 WA Grains Research Updates. Please provide your EOI in Word format, rather than as a pdf as this makes it easier for processing. The deadline for submission of EOI’s is **Monday, 16th October 2023.** Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or assistance you may require.

Yours sincerely,

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**Expressions of Interest for Presentations**

Presenters/authors will be selected on the basis of the importance of the topic to WA grain growers, with highest priority given to important research or advice that can be applied by growers in the coming season.

You may wish to provide a paper (optional) in support of your presentation. If you do, papers are required to be concise (five pages maximum); clearly articulate the authors’ conclusions and recommendations; include up to three concise, key take home messages; and provide a quantitative estimate of the benefits of the research/advice to WA grain growers. Authors will be required to submit well developed papers that have been reviewed by knowledgeable peers.

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| Closing date for EOIs | **Monday, 16th October 2023** |
| Notification of invitation to present | **Friday, 10th November 2023** |
| Closing date for receipt of papers (papers not expected and are optional for new researchers) | **Friday, 9th February 2024** |

To submit an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST to provide an oral presentation (and optionally a paper) at the Perth Grains Research Update please complete and email back the attached form by Monday 16th October, 2023.

For further information and updates on the 2024 GRDC Grains Research Updates, please visit: [www.giwa.org.au/events/researchupdates/](http://www.giwa.org.au/events/researchupdates/)

EOI for “new researcher” presentations at 2024 Grains Research Updates

Please return this form by Monday 16th November, 2023 by email to researchupdates@giwa.org.au .

* Please use separate EOI forms if nominating for more than one presentation
* To minimise multiple EOI’s (and to avoid confusion) for the same topic or project, if your research or advice is of a collaborative nature, please consult your project partners, nominate a lead author, and submit a single EOI for each presentation and/or paper wherever possible.
* Each EOI should be restricted to two pages in length.

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🞏 I am interested in delivering an Oral presentation at the WA Grains Research Update in Perth from Monday, 26th February to Tuesday, 27th February 2024.

🞏 I am interested in providing a paper (optional for new researchers) to accompany my oral presentation at the WA Grains Research Update in Perth from Monday, 26th February to Tuesday, 27th February 2024.

Note: (any provisos)……………………………………………………………………………………………......

**Details of proposed topic**
(two pages maximum - additional information may be provided as an attachment but is not expected or required)

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| **Proposed presenter or lead author** |  |
| **Organisation / company** |  |
| **Working Title of Presentation/**  |  |
| **Stage of R&D** (eg. Will be completed or results of 2 years of trials within a 5 year project) |  |
| **The research message(s) to be presented are expected to be ready to be applied by growers on-farm in how many years?** |  |
| **OR: If the research does not have an immediate application to improve productivity or profitability, please outline the R&D pipeline and estimated timeline.** |  |
| **Limitations (if any)** | (eg. the worth of this presentation/paper for the Updates is heavily reliant on 2023 trials which are yet to be harvested/analysed) |
| **Research methodology** | (please provide brief overview of the program of research which has produced the results to be reported e.g. modeling, case studies, field experiments) |
| **Please provide up to 50 word brief description of the proposed topic**: |  |
| **Please provide three key dot point findings/recommendations to be reported:** |