

PROCESSED OAT PARTNERSHIP 2026 INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOUR

Guidelines: POP International Study Tour

Introduction

The Processed Oat Partnership (the POP) is an industry-led program supported by a \$10.12m State Government investment. It aims to increase the Western Australian production of processed oats, hectares sown, and support industry to capture a greater share of growing international demand for oat products.

The POP International Study Tour, centred on the 12th International Oat Conference to be held in Chile in November 2026, will provide WA oat industry stakeholders with an immersive and interactive capability building experience, broadening their understanding on global oat production trends and opportunities and gaining insights on successful international oat market development.

It is expected the International Study Tour itinerary will include engagement with local businesses, associations, and oat growers outside of the offerings of OAT2026.

About the POP International Study Tour bursary

The POP international study tour bursary will provide up to ten \$4500 AUD (exclusive of GST) bursaries to assist WA oat industry stakeholders to travel to Chile, South America, to attend the 2026 International Oat Conference (OAT2026) and participate in any additional pre- or post-conference oat-focused side events arranged by the Grain Industry Association of WA (GIWA).

The international study tour will centre around OAT2026 in Pucón, Chile, from November 17-22, 2026. A strong WA contingent including growers, researchers, plant breeders, accumulators, traders, processors and manufacturers is expected to attend OAT2026.

Key Information

Prior to submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI), please read all information in these Guidelines.

- Submitting an EOI for the POP international study tour bursary does not guarantee funding from the POP or any of its partners, including the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) or the Grain Industry Association of Western Australia (GIWA).
- The study tour bursary value is limited to \$4500 AUD (exclusive of GST) will be received as a reimbursement of costs up to the bursary amount.
- The bursary value will automatically have the OAT2026 registration fee removed. This cost has not yet been confirmed by OAT2026 organisers but will be communicated with successful bursary recipients as soon as it is known.

- Bursaries will be awarded through a competitive process, and assessments will be conducted on the information provided in the EOI and any additional due diligence undertaken by GIWA.
- EOIs can only be submitted through the online form promoted on the www.giwa.org.au/pop webpage, GIWA social media accounts or other advertisements.
- Bursary recipients will be required to sign an agreement, assuming full financial responsibility for all costs outside the bursary amount, travel bookings and registrations where required.
- Recipient selection is final.

Timeline

The following timeline applies to all EOI submissions.

Activity	Deadline Date
EOIs open	2 March 2026
EOIs close	10 April 2026
Selection Panel review	13 – 30 April 2026
Successful applicants notified	Approximately 1 month after the EOI period closes (April/May 2026)
Recipient Agreement signed	Approximately 3 months prior to the event (July 2026)

Expression of Interest

All EOI submissions must be finalised via the online form. Answers should be succinct.

Before completing an EOI, applicants should read these Guidelines and consider:

- **reviewing the 2026 International Oat Conference (OAT2026) program** and side events on offer at <https://www.internationaloat.com/>;
- **the financial requirements of the study tour.** Applicants must be in a position to cover all costs up-front as bursaries will be paid after the study tour on presentation of receipts. GIWA estimates that with OAT2026 registration, economy airfares, mid-range accommodation and moderate meal expenses, the study tour is likely to cost in the region of \$10,000 per person. Successful applicants are responsible for making all travel and accommodation bookings outside those expressly delivered by GIWA. These will be outlined upon successful EOI acceptance.
- **the bursary will be received as a reimbursement of costs** up to the bursary amount, and applicants will be required to provide official receipts at the end of the study tour to be eligible for cost recovery; and
- if applicable, **confirm that your employer will grant you leave to attend the study tour** and/or co-fund your involvement in the study tour.

Review of applicants will be conducted primarily on the information provided in the submitted EOI. During the review by the POP Selection Panel, independent due diligence may be conducted by GIWA. Any further questions can be emailed to dboxall@giwa.org.au

Notification of Outcomes

Notification of the EOI process outcomes will be sent to the applicant's provided email address. All decisions are made at the POP Selection Panel's discretion and are final.

Eligibility

- The EOI applicant must be an active participant of the WA oat industry, such as a grower, trader, marketer, accumulator, breeder, grain supply logistics, researcher, processor, educator or a member of a WA grower group or grain industry association.
- Be over the age of 18.
- Have valid personal international travel documents, including a current passport.

Ineligibility

- The applicants is not an active participant in the WA oat industry.

Assessment Criteria

The POP Selection Panel will assess all EOIs against the following criteria:

- Industry – the sector of the oat industry the applicant represents. The panel will consider a fair spread of recipients across the industry.
- Market – the impact the applicant's attendance may have on the future and scale of oat processing in WA.
- Extension – how the applicant will share the learnings of the study tour and OAT2026 with their peers and the wider WA oat industry.

Successful Applicants

Successful EOI applicants will be required to acknowledge the POP in any promotion of their involvement in the international study tour or attendance at OAT 2026.

This could include, but is not limited to:

- Publicly acknowledge assistance provided in media, social media, written articles, interviews or verbally: *"I will be attending OAT2026 as part of the Processed Oat Partnership International Study Tour"*
- Tag *#processedoatpartnership* in social media posts.
- Wear any branded merchandise that may be provided for the POP international study tour.

Further Information

More information on the Processed Oat Partnership can be found at www.giwa.org.au/pop

Further information about the POP International Study Tour is available from GIWA by contacting Deb Boxall at dboxall@giwa.org.au

Privacy statement

Information provided by an applicant or collected by GIWA in relation to an applicant or their application may be used in the administration of the bursary and in the assessment of their application. GIWA will store personal information collected during this process, supporting documentation and any administration, monitoring and evaluation activities in compliance with its obligations under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles.

On behalf of the POP, the International Study Tour is coordinated by GIWA



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