



BCEC LSQ BIO INNOVATION BURSARY

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This award recognises an outstanding early to mid career researcher in the life sciences sector demonstrating strong collaboration between research and industry.

The BCEC LSQ Bio Innovation Bursary supports researchers advancing research into real world outcomes. The recipient will show strong performance relative to opportunity, a clear career trajectory, and a commitment to industry engagement. Applications must outline how the bursary will accelerate impact, strengthen industry connections and contribute to Queensland's life sciences sector.

PRIZE

Up to \$25,000 in bursary funding

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must self nominate and submit a completed application in line with guidelines.

Applications must include:

- Proposal outlining use of funds
- Budget justification
- CV and supervisor endorsement

Submissions will be assessed by an independent panel.

Applications must be received by the closing date.

Applications close at midnight on Friday 31 July 2026.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be an early to mid career researcher (typically 2–12 years post PhD or equivalent)
- Be employed in a life sciences research role within a Queensland based organisation
- Demonstrate a strong track record relative to opportunity
- Undertake work with clear potential for industry translation
- Have employment secured for the bursary period
- Not hold an unpaid or honorary appointment

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JUDGING CRITERIA

Applicants will be assessed relative to opportunity, including career disruption where relevant.

Submissions must demonstrate:

- **Impact of Proposed Activity**
How funding will strengthen industry engagement and accelerate translation into real-world outcomes
- **Quality of Applicant**
Research achievements, funding, collaborations and evidence of standing

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

Funding is flexible and must be used to enhance industry engagement and research impact. This may include:

- collaborative research projects or partnerships
- industry secondments or placements
- activities supporting commercialisation or startup development
- access to specialised equipment, consumables or resources
- initiatives that enable industry engagement or applied research outcomes
- travel and engagement opportunities aligned to project delivery

GENE AWARDS

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