



## Northern Australia Biosecurity Strategy (NABS)

### 2026 Veterinary Student Subsidy Program: Northern Australia

## Explore veterinary practice in northern Australia with a \$3,000 veterinary placement subsidy

- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year veterinary science students are invited to apply for \$3,000 subsidies to complete veterinary course placements in veterinary practices providing services to the **northern Australian livestock industry** in 2026.
- Subsidies will assist students with travel and accommodation costs for undertaking **livestock orientated**:
  - a) clinical extramural placements with private veterinary practices undertaking servicing the livestock industry or
  - b) placements with the state Departments of Agriculture/Primary Industries.
- There are 40 subsidies available across northern Western Australia (10), the Northern Territory (10) and northern Queensland (20) until December 2026.
- The subsidy will be paid directly to the student on completion of the placement by the state or territory where the placement has been completed.

**Applications close 9 January 2026.**

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the subsidy, students must meet the following:

- The placement must be part of the compulsory veterinary course requirements.
- Applicants must be in their 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> years of study in 2026.
- Placements must be completed in livestock industry-focused private veterinary practices or government veterinary services in northern Western Australia (north of Carnarvon), the Northern Territory, or northern Queensland (north of Rockhampton).
- Students need to indicate their preferred veterinary practice placement in the application, including the estimated date of the placement.
- Students need to indicate their preferred jurisdiction if submitting multiple applications to WA, NT and/or QLD contacts.
- Placements must be for a **minimum of 2 weeks**.
- Students are responsible for sourcing their own placements.
- Student placements must be completed by 30 December 2026, with a limit of one subsidy awarded per student.

In applying for the subsidy, applicants agree that if successful they will submit a Post-Placement Report.

There is no need for placements to be arranged prior to applying for the subsidy. Students who have already arranged eligible placements are also encouraged to apply. Consideration should be given to placement timing to coincide with **dry season** cattle industry activities.

### How to apply

- Complete the attached application form.
- Attach a brief one-page CV.
- Send your completed application and CV to the **contact (below) for the state in which you wish to undertake your placement**. If you wish to apply for placements in multiple states or territories, you must submit a separate application for each state or territory.

You will be notified by **30 January 2026** if your application is successful. Unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.



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#### Contacts

**Western Australia:** Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Dr. Marion Seymour, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, (08) 9651 0534 or [marion.seymour@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:marion.seymour@dpiird.wa.gov.au)

**Northern Territory:** Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Dr. Charlotte Watson, Veterinary Officer, (08) 8999 2102 or [Charlotte.Watson2@nt.gov.au](mailto:Charlotte.Watson2@nt.gov.au)

**Queensland:** Department of Primary Industries

Dr. Nina Kung, Senior Principal Veterinary Officer, 0409 634 281 or [Nina.Kung@dpi.qld.gov.au](mailto:Nina.Kung@dpi.qld.gov.au)



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## Application Form

Name: .....

University: .....

Degree: .....

Year level in 2026: .....

Email: .....

### About the proposed placement

***Preferred veterinary practice or practices (please list the names of all the veterinary practices you are interested in doing placement with and in order of preference with 1. being highest)***

***If submitting applications to more than one State or Territory (WA, NT or QLD) please indicate your preferred State or Territory of placement.***

Western Australia                       Northern Territory                       Queensland

***Has placement/s been arranged and confirmed? If so please indicate which practice or practices and dates.***



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**Preferred dates for completion of placements:**

**Why should you receive a subsidy to complete placement in northern Australia? (Max 500 words)**

I understand that if I am successful in my application:

- The subsidy will be paid to me as a lump sum payment on successful completion of my placement.
- I am responsible for sourcing and securing my own placement.
- I will be required to submit a short Post-Placement Report on my experience (including relevant photographs) to the state or territory Department of Agriculture on completion of the placement. (Post-Placement Report template will be provided).
- I understand that payment of the subsidy will be made when my Post-Placement Report is accepted by the State or Territory Department of Agriculture.

Signature: .....

Date: .....



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