



# SOUTHERN NSW Innovation Hub

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE,  
LANDSCAPES AND COMMUNITIES

**Are you researching drought resilience, climate adaptation, or agricultural innovation?**

**Ready to connect with industry leaders and maximize the impact of your research?**

**Accelerate your research – Expand your network – Drive real-world impact**

## Join our Emerging Researchers Network 2025

The Southern NSW Innovation Hub's **Emerging Researchers Network** is a unique opportunity for higher degree by research (HDR) candidates.

The program is designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry, equipping you with the skills, networks, and knowledge to support the extension and adoption of research – developing future leaders of rural research.

**Applications close: 17 March 2025**

[Apply now](#)

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### Why join?

This program is designed to embed knowledge, skills, and networks to support the extension and adoption of research while developing future leaders of rural research.

- ✓ **Three fully funded, in-person workshops** – Gain hands-on training and connect with peers, mentors, and industry leaders.
- ✓ **Exclusive mentoring and training** – Participate in the Australasia-Pacific Extension Network (APEN) mentoring program.
- ✓ **Monthly online community of practice (CoP) meetings** – Stay engaged, share ideas, and receive guidance.
- ✓ **Present your research to industry** – Build valuable relationships and showcase your work.\*
- ✓ **Additional career-boosting opportunities** – Mock interviews, science communication training, networking with professionals, and more!
- ✓ **Co-designed with research candidates** – To build a program that's genuinely valuable and useful to emerging researchers.

*\*The Network is designed to develop new skills and networks and while you may find parties interested in your research, you should not use it as a pathway to finding research participants.*

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## Who can apply?

To be eligible for the Emerging Researchers Network you must be:






- ✓ Able to demonstrate a direct link between your research and its application to support agriculture or communities in southern NSW to be more resilient and better respond to climate variability and drought.
- ✓ Currently studying a PhD or master's by research.

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## You'll commit to

- ✓ Attending the three Emerging Researchers Network workshops (in-person)\*\*
- ✓ Attending monthly CoP meetings (online)\*\*
- ✓ Completing the Australasian Pacific Extension Network (APEN) mentoring program and training (online)
- ✓ Participating in cohort discussions online
- ✓ Providing a final reflection at the end of the program

## Key dates

-  **24 March 2025** – Emerging Researchers Network 2025 participants announced
-  **15-16 April 2025** – First in-person workshop
-  **23-24 July 2025** – Second in-person workshop
-  **19-20 November 2025** – Final in-person workshop
-  **Monthly** – Online CoP meetings & mentoring sessions

## See the 2025 program schedule

*\*We understand that study and life commitments are your top priority however we expect you to attend at least two out of the three in-person workshops and eight out of 10 CoP online meetings.*

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## How to apply

1. Complete the **Expression of Interest (EOI) form** before **5pm AEDT, 17 March 2025**.
2. Submit your application by email to [SouthernNSWHub@csu.edu.au](mailto:SouthernNSWHub@csu.edu.au)

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## Questions?

To find out more, please contact the **Southern NSW Innovation Hub** at [SouthernNSWHub@csu.edu.au](mailto:SouthernNSWHub@csu.edu.au) with the subject line **“Emerging Researchers Network”** and copy in the key contact from your university.

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