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# Plant Innovation Centre Student Engagement Program

## Finishing your science degree or recently graduated?

If you have a passion for science, the Plant Innovation Centre (PIC) can help boost your knowledge and skills beyond your undergraduate training. We offer a range of opportunities to prepare you for a career in science, with:

- industry exposure
- working in a state-of-the-art biosecurity containment facility
- the opportunity to build networks and pathways to employment opportunities
- hands on experience working with leading scientists in their fields.

## Student scholarships

### Honours/Masters

- Co-supervised course to develop the skills to become a successful scientist.
- Opportunity to work independently on a plant biosecurity-based project.
- A \$5,000 stipend.

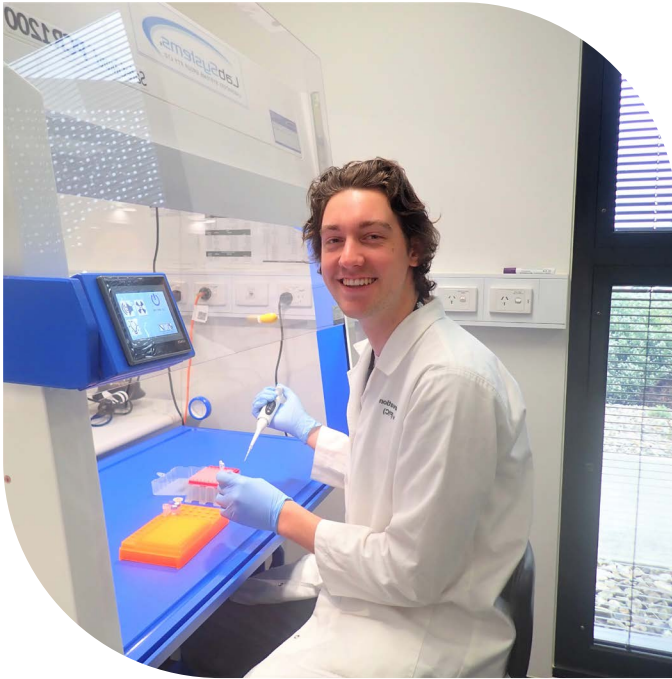
### PhD

- Co-supervised project (3-3.5 years).
- An annual tax-free scholarship of \$35,000.
- Option to work 1 day per week elsewhere to earn extra income.



**If you're interested, we want to hear from you!**  
Contact the PIC team today at [PICteam@aff.gov.au](mailto:PICteam@aff.gov.au) or speak to your university honours, masters or PhD coordinator about co-supervision opportunities.

# Meet Thomas Farrall, our PhD candidate from the University of the Sunshine Coast



“ After joining the department through the University Vacation Employment Program and working as a molecular researcher, I’ve taken up a PhD opportunity with PIC. My project focuses on developing cost-effective third-generation sequencing pipelines for plant virus detection in seeds. Reaching the second-year mark of my project, I have the opportunity to travel to international workshops and present my work to the broader scientific community. ”



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