

**Senior Research Officer (Sheep Business Centre)  
Livestock Industries**

**Position Number:** 20145037

**Level:** Specified Calling 1-4 \$62,025 - \$124,341 pa PSGOGA

**Location:** Katanning

**Tenure:** Fixed Term, Full Time

**We are looking for a Senior Research Officer to provide strategic leadership in the development of a world class Sheep Business Centre in consultation with the Director of Sheep Industry Development. In this key role you will be working on the 'Sheep Industry Business Innovation' Project, which is part of the \$300M 'Seizing the Opportunity in Agriculture' initiative funded by Royalties for Regions.**

Royalties for Regions is a long-term vision for Western Australia (WA) which recognises that the sustainable development of regional WA is vital to the State's future. This project will focus on the development of integrated value chains for high value sheep meat products for overseas markets in Asia and the Middle East.

Key responsibilities include:

- Establishing a 'one-stop-shop', both physical and virtual for innovation, information, training and business development;
- Partnering with tertiary institution and recognised training organisations to train graduates, post-graduates, producers and agribusiness staff;
- Developing a 'state of the art' sheep facility to demonstrate labour saving, electronic data recording and management technologies to industry.

The Sheep Business Centre aims to become the centre of business and technical innovation for the WA sheep industry, and acknowledged as this at an international level.

The successful applicant will have demonstrated workplace communication skills and demonstrated ability to achieve innovation and change. A degree in Agricultural Science (or approved equivalent) is an essential pre-employment requirement.

**Benefits of working for DAFWA:**

In addition to the salary offered, other benefits include superannuation, leave loading and access to salary packaging arrangements. Our department is a progressive and innovative agency that offers family-friendly, flexible working conditions where personal and professional development is continuously promoted.

Take advantage of this opportunity to work with a department that is committed to achieving a progressive, innovative and profitable agriculture and food sector.

**Tenure:** Fixed term opportunity until 29 June 2018. Consideration may then be given to offering a further term(s) or permanent appointment, subject to conditions.

**Level Ranges:**

This role will suit a nationally recognised professional. The level of appointment upon commencement will depend on qualifications, skills and/or experience.

Specified Calling Level 1 \$62,025 - \$85,040 pa (Professional level with or without experience)  
Specified Calling Level 2 \$87,137 - \$96,303 pa (Experienced professional level)  
Specified Calling Level 3 \$101,400 - \$112,285 pa (Broadly recognised professional level)  
Specified Calling Level 4 \$116,012 - \$124,341 pa (National recognised professional level)

**Location:**

Katanning is located 287km south east of Perth, in the heart of the beautiful Great Southern region of Western Australia. While the area is essentially agricultural, the town is a regional centre with access to a range of recreation and leisure facilities, government, health and education services, as well as a diverse retail and business district. For more information please visit the [Katanning WA Tourism](#) website.

**Further Information:**

For more details about this position please contact Bruce Mullan by phone (08) 9368 3578.  
Please **do not contact Bruce for a Job Application Package**.

**How Do I Apply?**

Our aim is to make it easy for you to apply. All that may be required is a comprehensive resume addressing the work requirements of this position. The Job Description Form (JDF) identifies the core selection criteria which must be competitively demonstrated in your application, within the context of the position specific details as in this advert.

Applicants are encouraged to apply on line by clicking on the **"Apply for Job"** button at the top/bottom of the screen.

Suitable applicants, not recommended for the advertised position, may be considered for fixed term or permanent employment opportunities in like positions and like locations during the next 12 months.

If you are having trouble downloading the attachments or wish to enquire about the process - telephone (08) 9368 3338 or email [recruitment@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@agric.wa.gov.au)

Late or pro forma applications will not be accepted.