# Position Details

## Research Projects- CSOF2

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| The following information is for applicants |
| Advertised Job Title | Laboratory Traineeship (Identified Role – Indigenous) |
| Job Reference | 76298 |
| Tenure | Specified Term of approximately 18 months depending on course of study |
| Salary Range | Starting Trainee salary - AU$24,288 to AU$26,041 plus up to 15.4% superannuation*Trainees may be eligible for salary increases as they progress through the traineeship* |
| Location(s) | St Lucia, QLD |
| Relocation Assistance | Will be provided to the successful candidate if required |
| Applications are open to | The position is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples with Australian Citizenship. CSIRO considers the filling of this position is intended to constitute a special/equal opportunity/affirmative measure under *section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth).* The successful applicant is required to provide evidence to confirm that they are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. |
| Position reports to the | Artur Rombenso, Team Leader, Animal Nutrition |
| Client Focus – Internal | 100% |
| Client Focus – External | 0% |
| Number of Direct Reports | 0 |
| Enquire about this job | Contact Barney Hines via email at Barney.Hines@csiro.au or by phone on (07) 3214 2519. |
| How to apply | Apply online at <https://jobs.csiro.au/> Internal applicants please apply via **Jobs Central**If you experience difficulties when applying, please email careers.online@csiro.au or call 1300 984 220. |

**Acknowledgement of Country**

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### Role Overview

The CSIRO Agriculture and Food Laboratory Traineeship program will provide the successful candidate with on-the-job training in a wide variety of analytical techniques while working as part of a supportive and experienced team within the Animal Nutrition team. This team has a major focus on improving diets for species of fish, crustaceans and other organisms grown in aquaculture.

The Laboratory Trainee will receive hands-on training under the supervision of an experienced and supportive team. The role will involve routinely measuring basic parameters of nutrition, such as fat, protein and ash composition. The trainee will also gain experience in more advanced techniques such as analysis of minerals and amino acids. In completing these tasks, the trainee will learn a variety of analytical techniques and associated instruments. A focus of the learning will be how to work in a laboratory in a safe manner, including safely using chemicals and to follow standard operating procedures and other safety guidelines. There will also be emphasis on experimental rigour, to conduct assays accurately, to produce repeatable results and to maintain good laboratory records.

Over the course of the traineeship, the successful candidate will be provided with adequate time within work hours to complete a Nationally Accredited Qualification relative to the position and encouraged to participate in CSIRO’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Staff Network as well as attend business unit specific activities.

At the conclusion of the CSIRO Agriculture and Food Laboratory Traineeship program a candidate should be able to effectively collaborate in scientific and technological activities with other research staff by assisting with detailed planning, undertaking or assisting with experimental, observational or technology development work, and in carrying out the more practical aspects of the work.

Upon successful completion of the traineeship program, the trainee may be considered for further employment with CSIRO subject to the availability of suitable positions.

### Duties and Key Result Areas:

* Respond courteously and efficiently to requests, keep clients informed about progress and redirect requests to appropriate staff when required.
* Under general supervision perform the following tasks:
* dissecting tissues from fish and prawns
* grinding and weighing samples
* undertaking analytical tests
* Perform general housekeeping duties in the lab.
* Keep accurate records, undertake basic data analysis and assist with the preparation of standardised reports.
* Communicate openly, proactively and respectfully with all staff, clients and suppliers in the interests of good business practice, collaboration and enhancement of CSIRO’s reputation.
* Work collaboratively as part of a multi-disciplinary research team, and business unit to carry out tasks in support of CSIRO scientific objectives.
* Participate in the components of the training package and complete all requirements of the prescribed Nationally Accredited Qualification.
* Adhere to the spirit and practice of CSIRO’s Code of Conduct, Health, Safety and Environment procedures and policy, Diversity initiatives and Making Safety Personal goals.
* Other duties as directed.

## **Required Competencies:**

* **Teamwork and Collaboration:** Demonstrates initiative, actively contributing as a team member. Supports team decisions and keeps other team members up to date about individual actions. Shares all relevant and useful information. Pitches in and helps other team members when necessary.
* **Influence and Communication:** Communicates basic facts in a courteous manner including posing appropriate questions to gain factual information.
* **Resource Management/Leadership:** Provides instruction and assists other staff to complete allocated tasks and activities.
* **Judgement and Problem Solving:** Selects appropriate solutions to clearly defined problems using readily available information. Alternatives are limited and prescribed or apparent.
* **Independence:** Accepts personal responsibility for doing the job well. Looks for opportunities to improve the way things are done and makes recommendations accordingly.
* **Adaptability:**Accepts the need for change to work routines or technology.

## **Selection Criteria**

#### Essential

*Under CSIRO policy only those who meet all essential criteria can be appointed.*

1. Ability and willingness to learn and undertake a Nationally Accredited Qualification while balancing work priorities.
2. Ability to clearly follow instructions when working independently and in a team.
3. Ability to work independently and in a team, maintain own quality of work, and determine own work priorities.
4. Good verbal and written communication skills.
5. Ability to use a computer and associated software packages, especially the Microsoft Office suite including Word, Outlook and Excel and an interest in increasing computer skills.
6. Awareness of and ability to adhere to safety procedures.

## **Desirable:**

1. A desire to have a career in a science related field.
2. Knowledge of or enthusiasm to learn science and maths.

Special Requirements

Appointment to this role may be subject to conditions including provision of a national police check as well as other security/medical/character clearance requirements.

* The successful candidate will be asked to obtain and provide evidence of a National Police Check or equivalent. Please note that people with criminal records are not automatically deemed ineligible. Each application will be considered on its merits.
* The successful applicant must not have completed a diploma level qualification or higher, or be completing another Nationally Accredited Qualification during the course of the traineeship program.
* The successful applicant is required to provide evidence to confirm that they are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
* The successful applicant is required to provide contact details of at least one Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Referee.

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