



AES Centenary Postgraduate Research Support (CPRS)

Background

The Agricultural Economics Society (AES) is one of the world's leading associations of professional and academic agricultural economists. Founded in 1926, the AES has some 600 members in 65 countries throughout the world. The AES Executive Committee is marking the Centenary of the Agricultural Economics Society in 2026 with an investment of £100K through a range of targeted activities that support agricultural economic postgraduate research students.

Launched at the AES Conference in Oxford in 2026, this initial investment of £100k aims to provide support over a three-year period. Subject to the outcome of this initiative, the AES Executive may wish to extend this support in the future (i.e. for 2030 and beyond). Organisations wishing to support or co-fund this development should contact paul.wilson@nottingham.ac.uk.

Development strategy

The objective of this CPRS is to increase the number of PhD/MRes students conducting research in agricultural economics through the activities listed below. The AES Executive may choose to limit or extend these activities in the future.

- A. **Tuition or stipend co-support** to provide a **top-up scholarship** that adds to the base stipend or provides a bursary to assist with international/overseas fees.
- B. **Top-up research support** that could make PhDs and MRes' more attractive and help in attracting better applicants. This could be achieved through providing **operational funding** to support their research and development.
- C. **Skills based support:** Support training visits/courses in methods (e.g., econometrics, GIS, machine learning), interdisciplinary approaches, or policy engagement.
- D. **Running professional development workshops** for PhD and MRes students (and open to MSc and ECRs) held separately or aligned with existing AES events.
- E. **Publication support grants** to cover only open access publication fees for articles published in peer review journals in a relevant subject category and appearing in the annual Journal Citation Reports (JCR) operated by Web of Science / Clarivate (see Appendix).

The tuition/stipend co-support [A] and the top-up research support [B] will also include free student membership of AES.

Applications are now invited using the Appropriate Application form hosted on the AES Website. Further details and guidance are provided on the form.

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