**Crawford Fund International Training Awards, Western Australia**

**Submit applications by 29th November 2019**

**Applications are invited for training of eligible international scientists and extension staff under the Crawford Fund Western Australian Committee’s International Training Awards program.**

# OVERVIEW

The Crawford Fund WA Committee has for many years supported targeted training of overseas scientists and extension officers either in ‘home country’ or Australia. Each year it will offer a small number of competitive grants of up to a maximum of **$15,000** each for short-term training activities. Such activities may include workshop attendance, short-term visits to other institutes, as well as areas of research, extension or governance/management training for individuals or small groups. **Applications should be made by a WA-based host organisation.**

**WA applications close on Friday 29th November 2019 and should be sent to:
Lyn Abbott (Lyn.Abbott@crawfordfund.org)**

The criteria that the selection committee will use in making its final decisions on successful applicants will be:

1. Demonstrated impact: Overall merit of applicant and trainees, as demonstrated by their academic record, work history and two referee reports that address relevant capability.
2. Types of training: The Crawford Fund will consider a wide range of training options, including workshops and short-term visits to other institutes, as well as areas of research, extension or governance/management training.
3. Development of proposal: The applicant must present a well-developed proposal outlining the nature of the activity and proposed budget.
4. Region: In line with Australian Government policy, while preference will be given to training applications of work in developing countries, especially SE Asia and the Pacific.
5. WA and national priorities: Preference will be given to applications that can clearly demonstrate linkage to WA or Australia-wide priorities – including biosecurity, priority north Australian industries such as beef, and linkages with the private sector and marketing that contribute to market access.
6. Potential impact: The selection committee will place considerable value on the potential impact of the training for government agencies and NGOs, as well as farmers, and industry bodies across the value chain.
7. Co-investment and value for money: preference will be given to proposals which demonstrate both significant co-investment (cash and in-kind) from other agencies, and value for money.

## HOW TO APPLY

WA-based host organisations (including consultants) need to complete **an application form** (see below) and outline how a Crawford Fund International Training Award would be conducted and its expected outcomes. Proposals that can clearly demonstrate how the Award will deliver benefit to WA will have a clear advantage. This could be through stronger linkages in research areas of interest to WA industry, access to technical knowledge of local interest, or knowledge that will help foster WA–developing country development and commercial engagement. Proposals will only be considered if they include a signed statement of approval from the sponsoring agency (university, government, NGO or company) under whose auspices the scientist proposes to undertake the international research and/or development activities associated with the award. It is expected that the successful applicants will be amenable to involvement in public awareness activities around the support provided.

A requirement of the successful awardees will be to provide a written report to the WA Crawford Committee describing what they achieved through their International Training Award. This will require completion of a report form provided by the Crawford Fund and will include sections that can be used as part of Crawford Fund public awareness activities.

Please use the application form below and forward to Lyn Abbott (Lyn.Abbott@crawfordfund.org) by the due date.

If you have any questions, please contact me prior to submission of your application.

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## APPLICATION FORM

(To facilitate completion of the form refer to the Notes and Selection Criteria attached)

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| **1** | **Applicant (Host and host organisation)**  |
| Project leader: |  |
| Current Position: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Telephone/mobile: |  |
| Host Institute :  |  |
| Lead trainer (if different from Project Leader): |  |
| Project Title under which training will be conducted: |  |
| Brief description of project (~ 100 words): |
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| Brief description of Training (~100 words): |
|  | Proposed dates of training: |
|  | Link to Australian project, name and ID: |
| **2.** | **Trainees(s) (include separate information for each trainee)** |
|  | Name:  |  |
| Nationality: |  |
| Home Institute: |  |
| Address:  |  |
| Email: |  |
| Male or Female: |  |
| Qualifications: |  |
| Position in Project: |  |
|  | Insurance: |  |
| **3** | **The Proposal** |
| Title: |  |
| Key objective: |
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| Brief description (< 1 page): |
|  |
| Expected outcomes: |
|  |
| Benefits to WA: |
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| Risks associated with activity: |
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| **4** | **Budget** **Funds (AUD) requested from Crawford Fund**  |
| 1. Air travel
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| 1. Accommodation
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| 1. Subsistence
 |  |
| 1. Local travel
 |  |
| 1. Other

 (please specify) |  |
| Total funds requested from the Crawford Fund |  |
| **Statement of Co-funding including in-kind contributions** |
| **5** | **Approvals** |
| **Project Leader or Lead Trainer**  |
| Name, position & email: |  |
| Signature: |  |
| **Authorised officer of host project** |
| Name, position & email: |  |
| Signature: |  |
| **6** | **Two referees statements (~ 200 words each)**  |
| Name, position & contact details: |  |
|  | Name, position & contact details: |  |

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**NOTES AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

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| **Ref** |  |
| **1** | **The applicant (Host and Host Organisation)**Applicants must be from a research and/or development organisation/institute including consultants with WA based staff and with recognised links to food security, agriculture, fisheries, forestry or natural resource management. Examples of suitable organisations include those of government (e.g. university, ACIAR, FAO), non-governmental (NGO) or commercial (e.g. a development company or a consultant). |
| **2** | **The Trainee (s)**Trainees should be from developing countries and already have a role in International Agriculture Research and/or Development, and preferably their role is expected to extend for some years after training. Trainees might be from national or provincial governments, regional organisations, NGOs or the private sector. If there is more than one trainee, please provide a table with name, organisation, position and contact details.  |
| **3** | **The proposal**The proposal should describe the long-term value of the training, the likely impact in the developing country, and efficiency of the training model, “train the trainer” models, number of trainees). The proposal should outline the extra value a Crawford Fund co-investment brings to the greater research and development project or program and the producers using the new tools. Proposals which define benefit to WA (e.g. through stronger linkages in research areas of interest to WA industry, access to technical knowledge of local interest, or knowledge that will help foster WA–developing country commercial engagement) as well as the benefit to the trainee’s country will have an advantage. |
| **4** | **Budget**Proposals in excess of the maximum ($15,000) are unlikely to be fully funded. Proposals must show the extra value that The Crawford Fund brings and should clearly show co-investment and what that co-investment is supporting in the proposal. |
| **5** | **Approvals**Approvals are required from Authorised Officer of the Host organisation in WA and the Project leader.As these awards will almost invariably require international travel of trainers or trainees, or both, so proposals should include comprehensive details of OHS (Operational Health and Safety) plans and the support being provided by the WA and international host organisations associated with the Project. This should include details of insurance.  |
| **6** | **Referees**Two short referees’ reports are required. These should comment on the suitability of trainers, trainees, and likely success and impact of the training.  |