



CRAWFORD-IN-QLD STUDENT AWARD GUIDELINES

These guidelines apply to the Student Awards offered by the QLD Committee of the Crawford Fund for Food Security (CFFS) and should be read in conjunction with the general information for the CFFS Student Awards.

OVERVIEW

To help promote active engagement in international agricultural research for development (IAR4D), the QLD Committee of the Crawford Fund for Food Security each year offers a small number of competitive research funding awards for tertiary students. The purpose of the Awards is to facilitate active student participation in IAR4D projects to help them gain valuable experience and expertise. **The Awards are not designed to fund degree research projects as such.** Rather, they are to allow the students to undertake additional research or project activities that would not otherwise be possible.

Two types of award are available: **Honours Student Awards** and **Postgraduate Student Awards**.

ELIGIBILITY

Key criterion: To be eligible for either Award, applicants must already be enrolled at a recognised Queensland tertiary institute and be engaged in a relevant biophysical or socio-economic aspect of agriculture, animal production, fisheries, forestry, natural resource management or food security.

The **Honours Student Awards** are open to applicants enrolled either at Honours Level (3-year degree course) or Fourth Year (4-year degree course); the Award, to a maximum value of \$4,000, can be used for airfares and other travel costs, accommodation and subsistence, and/or operational costs.

The **Postgraduate Student Awards** are open to students enrolled at postgraduate (usually Masters or PhD) level; the Award, to a maximum value of \$5,000, can be used for airfares and other travel costs, accommodation and subsistence, and/or operational costs.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Crawford-in-QLD Student Awards aim to provide the opportunity for students to incorporate a **novel** IAR4D component or experience into their studies, not to fund degree research projects as such. That is, the Awards are to enable a novel activity that otherwise would not be possible without the Award.

The Awards are competitive and preference is given to strong proposals that as well as satisfying the above criteria, clearly demonstrate the following:

- Benefit to the target country for the IAR4D component
- Benefit to Queensland (e.g. through relevance to Qld industry, research experience / findings, strengthening collaborative links, commercial links etc)
- Linkage to countries in our near region (Pacific Island nations, PNG, Timor Leste, Indonesia)
- Clear justification as to why the Crawford Fund for Food Security should support the proposal; that is, what is the specific 'value-adding' IAR4D aspect that is to be supported by the Award.

Funding to attend research conferences overseas will not ordinarily be considered. Further, consistent with the objective of providing successful applicants with a novel experience in IAR4D, international students proposing a novel activity in a third country will be considered more favourably than those simply proposing an activity back in their home country.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A requirement of the Crawford-in-QLD Student Awards is that awardees will provide a written report to the QLD Committee describing what they achieved through their IAR project activity, using a *pro-forma* provided by the QLD Coordinator. It is expected the report will be the basis of some public awareness activities. In the event that the QLD Committee offers a Student Award applicant a CFFS Conference Scholar travel award to attend a **Crawford Fund for Food Security Conference** in Canberra, a separate Conference Scholar report relating to the Scholar's attendance at the Conference will also be required.