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CRAWFORD QLD INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

Applications are invited for mentoring / training of eligible international scientists and extension staff under the Crawford Fund Queensland Committee's International Engagement program.

The Queensland Committee of the Crawford Fund each year offers a small number of competitive grants for either mentoring or targeted training activities for overseas scientists and extension officers in research, extension, or governance / management. The purpose of the awards is to help promote mentoring and training activities in our nearby region by experienced Queensland researchers and volunteers. Individual awards are for up to a maximum of \$12,000 annually. Training awards are for one year only, while mentoring awards may in select instances extend for more than one year. The mentoring Awards are open to retiree volunteers, but applications should be made through a Queensland-based host organisation.

Applications for the 2022 awards will close on 15 April 2022. Please contact the Queensland Coordinator, Prof Bob Lawn (bob.lawn@crawfordfund.org) for information on how to apply.

The **Selection Criteria** that the Queensland Committee will use in making its final decisions on successful applicants will be:

1. **Demonstrated excellence:** Overall merit of applicant and mentees / trainees, as demonstrated by their academic record, work history and references.
2. **Type of activity:** The Committee will consider a wide range of activities focussed on research, extension or governance/management training. These may include working visits by mentors / trainers to institutes in the target country, as well as short-term working visits by trainees to institutes and industry in Australia. Conference and workshop attendance may also be considered but without dedicated mentoring or training activity will be given a low priority. Salaries for mentors / trainers and general bench fees will not ordinarily be funded.
3. **Development of proposal:** The applicant must present a well-developed proposal outlining the nature of the activity and proposed budget.
4. **Region:** Preference will be given to applications targeting Indonesia, Timor Leste, PNG and the Pacific.
5. **Industry:** Preference will be given to applications that can clearly demonstrate linkage to Queensland industry priorities, such as beef, fisheries, tropical crops and horticulture, biosecurity, related natural resource management issues, linkages with the private sector and marketing.
6. **Potential impact:** The Committee will place considerable value on the potential impact of the activity 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. Co-investment should be quantified.

Queensland-based host organisations will need to outline how the Crawford Fund Award would augment and add value to their planned research or project activities, and what benefits would emerge from the experience. Proposals that can clearly demonstrate how the Award will deliver benefit to Queensland will have an advantage. This could be through stronger linkages in research areas of interest to Queensland industry, access to technical knowledge of local interest, or knowledge that will help foster Queensland-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 or volunteer proposes to undertake the activities associated with the Award. It is expected that the successful applicants will be amenable to involvement in possible public awareness activities around the support provided.

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