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### **CRAWFORD FUND 2016 FOOD SECURITY JOURNALISM AWARD**

**The Crawford Fund today launched its 2016 Food Security Journalism Award at an event showcasing young Queenslanders and their experiences of international agriculture.**

“Today we are at a seminar to hear from young Queenslanders who are recipients of two Crawford Fund awards – young Queensland undergraduate and postgraduate students who received a Crawford-in-Queensland award to assist in their international agriculture studies in 2015, and others who were supported to attend the Crawford Fund’s 2015 conference,” said Professor Kaye Basford, Board member of the Crawford Fund and Chair of the Queensland Committee.

“These young Queenslanders will report on the benefits of their awards personally and to their studies and careers in either travelling to a developing country to work in the field, or to our conference to meet like minded Australians and international luminaries working on food security issues.

“I have no doubt that the Australian journalist who wins our food security journalism award will also benefit from seeing agricultural development and research in-the-field in a developing country, and meeting people dedicated to improving food security,” said Professor Basford.

“We hope to receive many nominations for this year’s award with examples of reporting on global food security issues by working Australian journalists.

“Our journalism award acknowledges reporting that highlights the myriad of issues related to food security and agriculture for development, as well as the mutual benefit of related R&D,” she said.

“It’s great to work again with the Australian Council of Agricultural Journalists to deliver this award as part of their other Australian awards that recognise excellence in reporting,” she said.

She explained that the winning journalist will be provided with a Crawford Fund ‘seeing is believing’ visit to a developing country to view and report on current Australian and international research and training that has a focus on food security.

Entries are open for print, broadcast and internet-based reports by working Australian journalists around food security, within the 12 months prior to the closing date of 6 June 2016. The winner will be announced at the Fund’s Annual Conference held in Canberra in August.

Further details, including the application and judging processes, are available on the [Crawford Fund website](http://www.crawfordfund.org).

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The Crawford Fund's mission is to increase Australia's engagement in international agricultural research, development and education for the benefit of developing countries and Australia.