



Applications are invited from both honours and postgraduate students interested in gaining more experience and expertise in international agricultural research.

OVERVIEW

The Crawford Fund encourages greater recognition of the importance of international agricultural research (IAR) and development in Australia, and increased support for IAR by Australian government and non-government organisations. To help promote active engagement in IAR, the Queensland Committee of the Crawford Fund is offering each year a small number of competitive research funding awards for tertiary students. The purpose of the awards is to facilitate active student participation in IAR projects in order to help them gain valuable experience and expertise in IAR.

Two types of award are available: **Honours Research Scholarships** and **Postgraduate Student Awards**. Applicants eligible for either award must already be enrolled at a recognised Queensland tertiary institute and engaged in a relevant biophysical or socio-economic aspect of agriculture, animal production, fisheries, forestry, natural resource management or food security.

The Honours Research Scholarship is open to applicants enrolled either at Honours Level (3-year degree course) or Fourth Year (4-year degree course); it takes the form of a bursary of \$3500 payable directly to the awardee to cover living or travel expenses. The Postgraduate Research Award is open to students enrolled at postgraduate (usually Masters or PhD) level; in this instance the award, to a maximum value of \$3500 per awardee, can be used for airfares and other travel costs, accommodation and subsistence, and/or operational research costs.

Both the Honours Research Scholarship and the Postgraduate Research Award are designed to augment funding from other sources – for example, agricultural research and development assistance projects being undertaken in overseas countries where the students intend to work and gain experience. The projects that the students plan to link with can be governmental (e.g. university, ACIAR, FAO), non-governmental (NGO) or commercial (e.g. seed or R&D company). Funding to attend research conferences overseas will not ordinarily be considered, unless there is a strong case that the focus of the conference aims to promote IAR.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants need to complete an **application form** and 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 a clear 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 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 student proposes to undertake the IAR 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. **Applications close on Friday 31 March 2017 and should be sent to bruce.pengelly@crawfordfund.org**

A requirement of both awards is that awardees will provide a written report to the Queensland Crawford Committee describing what they achieved through their IAR project activity. It is expected the report will be the basis of some public awareness activities. The Committee may offer awardees a student travel award to attend a **Crawford Fund Parliamentary Conference** in Canberra.

**APPLICATION FORM FOR HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP
OR
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD**

(To facilitate completion of the form refer to the numbered Notes attached)

1	The Applicant
	Name:
	Address:
	Email:
	Telephone/mobile:
	Host University:
	Degree & discipline of enrolment:
	Current year of enrolment:
	Full time or part time:
	Date of birth:
	Male or Female:
	Nationality:
2	The Host IAR Project or Activity with which the Applicant proposes to link:
	Host Project title:
	Host Institution in Australia:
	Host Institution in overseas country:
	Brief description of Host Project (~100 words):
3	The Proposal
	Title:
	Key objective:
	Brief description (< 1 page):
	Expected outcomes:
	Benefits to Queensland (e.g. industry, research capacity, partnerships):
	Risks associated with activity:
4	Budget

Funds (AUD) requested from Crawford Fund (complete either section A or section B)

A. Honours Scholarship (fixed amount)	
Bursary / Stipend	\$3500
B. Postgraduate Research Award (variable amount up to \$3500 max)	
a) Air travel	
b) Accommodation	
c) Subsistence	
d) Local travel	
e) Miscellaneous (please specify)	
Total funds requested from the Crawford Fund	
Funds available from other sources and/or in kind contributions?	
5	Approvals
Authorised officer of host university	
Name, position & email:	
Signature:	
Authorised officer of host project	
Name, position & email:	
Signature:	
6	Academic referee/s (attach separately if necessary)
Name, position & contact details:	

NOTES TO FACILITATE PREPARATION OF THE APPLICATION FORM

1	<p>The applicant</p> <p>Applicants must be enrolled at a recognised Queensland tertiary institute in a relevant disciplinary area in agriculture, fisheries, forestry or natural resource management.</p> <p>Applicants for the Honours Scholarship (Section 4A below) must be enrolled either at Honours level (3 years degree) or fourth year (4 year degree).</p> <p>Applicants for the Postgraduate Research Award (Section 4B below) must be enrolled in a research degree at postgraduate level (Masters or PhD)</p>
2	<p>The Host IAR project or activity with which the applicant proposes to link</p> <p>The project that the Applicant proposes to link to can be governmental (e.g. university, ACIAR, FAO), non-governmental (NGO) or commercial (e.g. seed company).</p> <p>Provide details of the IAR project or activity that you plan to link with (who is conducting it, who funding it, where is it based, what are its main objectives).</p> <p>Funding to attend research conferences overseas will not ordinarily be considered unless there is a strong case that the focus of the conference of itself aims to promote IAR.</p>
3	<p>The proposal</p> <p>Provide details of your proposal: what do you propose to do if you are successful in obtaining a Crawford Fund Award?</p> <p>Describe how you propose to link with the Host IAR Project and describe how that matches the objectives of the Crawford Fund – that is, provide clear justification as to why you think the Crawford Fund should support your proposal.</p> <p>While IAR is designed to assist the host country where it is conducted, effective projects are of mutual benefit to the home country. Proposals that can clearly demonstrate benefit to Queensland (e.g. 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 commercial engagement) will have an advantage.</p>
4	<p>Budget</p> <p>Complete either Section 4A or Section 4B only</p> <p>Section 4A. The Honours Scholarship will provide a fixed stipend of \$3500, \$3000 payable at the time of the Award, and \$500 payable on receipt of the agreed report by the Crawford Fund.</p> <p>Section 4B. Postgraduate Research Award funds can be used for airfares and other travel costs, accommodation and subsistence, and/or operational research costs, to a maximum total value of \$3500 per awardee. Again, the final payment of \$500 will be payable on receipt of the agreed report by the Crawford Fund.</p> <p>For both the Honours Scholarship and the Postgraduate Research Award, the Crawford Fund support is designed to augment support from other sources. Provide brief details of cash and in-kind support available from other sources to support the Proposal described in Section 3.</p>
5	<p>Approvals</p> <p>Approvals are required from Authorised Officers representing both the Host University where the Applicant is enrolled, and the Host IAR Project or Activity with which the Applicant proposed to link.</p> <p>Where Crawford Fund support is proposed to be used for international travel, the proposal should include comprehensive details of OHS (Operational Health and Safety) plans and the support being provided by the Host institute (e.g. University) or the Host IAR Project or Activity.</p>
6	<p>Referees</p> <p>Please indicate whether the Authorised Officers in Section 5 will act as Academic Referees for the Applicant. Additionally or alternatively, the Applicant may wish to nominate other referees.</p>