



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

OVERVIEW

The Crawford Fund Queensland Committee has for many years supported targeted training of overseas scientists and extension officers. Each year it will offer a small number of competitive grants of up to a maximum of **\$12,000** each for short-term training activities. Such activities may include conference and workshop attendance, short-term visits to other institutes, as well as areas of research, extension or governance/management training. **Applications should be made by a Queensland-based host organisation, close on 31 March 2017 and should be sent to bruce.pengelly@crawfordfund.org**

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

1. **Demonstrated excellence:** Overall merit of applicant and trainees, as demonstrated by their academic record, work history and references.
2. **Type of training:** The CF will consider a wide range of training options, including short-term visits to institutes and industry and/or research, extension or governance/management training. Conference and workshop attendance may also be considered but without dedicated training activities is usually given a lower priority.
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, preference will be given to training applications of scientists from SE Asia and the Pacific.
5. **Queensland and national priorities:** Preference will be given to applications that can clearly demonstrate linkage to Queensland or Australia-wide priorities – such as biosecurity, priority north Australian industries such as beef and horticulture, and linkages with the private sector and marketing.
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

Queensland-based host organisations 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 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 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.

A requirement of the successful awardees will be to provide a written report to the Queensland Crawford Committee describing what they achieved through their International Agricultural Research project 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.

APPLICATION FORM

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

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):
Brief description of Training (~100 words):
2. Trainees(s)
Name:
Nationality:
Home Institute:
Address:
Email:
Male or Female:
Qualifications:
Position in Project
3 The Proposal
Title:
Key objective:
Brief description (< 1 page):
Expected outcomes:
Benefits to Queensland:
Risks associated with activity:
Budget

Funds (AUD) requested from Crawford Fund

a) Air travel

b) Accommodation

c) Subsistence

d) Local travel

e) 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:

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NOTES TO FACILITATE PREPARATION OF THE APPLICATION FORM

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1	<p>The applicant (Host and Host Organisation) Applicants must be from a research and/or development organisation/institute with Queensland 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 member of the seed industry).</p>
2	<p>The Trainee (s) Trainees should be from developing countries and already have a role in International Agriculture Research and/or Development, and preferably with a role that is expected to extend for some years after training. Trainees might be from national or provincial governments, from regional organisations, NGOs or the private sector.</p>
3	<p>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 (conference, “train the trainer” models, number of trainees). Funding to attend research conferences overseas will be considered.</p> <p>The proposal should outline the extra value a Crawford Fund co-investment brings to the greater research and development project or program. Proposals which define 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) as well as the benefit to the trainee’s country will have an advantage.</p>
4	<p>Budget Proposals in excess of the maximum (\$12,000) will not be considered.</p> <p>Proposals must show the extra value that The Crawford Fund is bringing, and should clearly show co-investment and what that co-investment is supporting in the proposal.</p>
5	<p>Approvals Approvals are required from Authorised Officer of the Host organisation in Queensland and the Project leader.</p> <p>As these awards will almost invariably require international travel of trainers or trainees, or both, proposals 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.</p>
6	<p>Referees Two short referees’ reports are required. These should comment on the suitability of trainers, trainees, and likely success and impact of the training.</p>