

CRAWFORD-IN-NORTHERN TERRITORY INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STUDENT AWARDS

Applications are invited from honours and postgraduate students interested in gaining international agricultural research experience in developing countries.

OVERVIEW

The Crawford Fund encourages greater recognition of the importance of international agricultural research and development to Australia by actively engaging in international agricultural research. The Northern Territory Committee of the Crawford Fund offers a small number of competitive travel awards for tertiary students. The purpose of the awards is to facilitate active student participation in international agricultural projects, in order to help them gain valuable experience and expertise in developing countries. Only one or two awards will be made each year and recipients will also be supported to attend the annual Crawford Fund Parliamentary Conference in Canberra, which will cover travel costs, accommodation and most meals for the conference.

The awards are open to Honours and Postgraduate Students from the NT, with priority given to Australian nationals and permanent residents. Applicants should be engaged in a relevant biophysical or socio-economic aspect of agriculture, animal production, fisheries, forestry, natural resource management or food security. Applicants should be enrolled either at Honours Level (3-year degree course) or Fourth Year (4-year degree course), or in a postgraduate degree (Masters or PhD). The award takes the form of a bursary to a maximum value of \$3000 per awardee, and can be used for airfares, other travel costs, accommodation and subsistence, and/or operational research costs. This is additional to attending the annual Crawford Fund Parliamentary Conference.

The Crawford Fund Student International Agricultural Awards 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. ACIAR, FAO), non-governmental (NGO), commercial (e.g. seed or R&D company) or in association with a university. Funding to carry out research that is part of their degree work, or to attend research conferences overseas will not be considered, unless it contributes to promoting international agricultural research in developing countries.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants need to complete an **application form** and outline the benefits expected from the Crawford Fund Student International Agricultural Award. The benefits of the award could be through stronger linkages in research areas of interest to the NT industry; understanding the application of technical knowledge to different agricultural systems; or knowledge that will help foster NT–developing country commercial engagement. Proposals will only be considered if they include a signed statement of approval from the agency (university, government, NGO or company) where the student is based. It is expected that the successful applicants will be involved in public awareness activities associated with the award. Awardees are required to provide a written report to the NT Crawford Committee describing what they learned during their Crawford Fund Student International Agricultural Research Award activities.

The closing date for award applications is COB **Thursday 29 March 2018**.
Applications and a brief CV should be sent to: tania.paul@cdu.edu.au.

NOTES AND SELECTION CRITERIA

1	<p>The applicant</p> <p>Applicants must be enrolled at a recognised NT tertiary institute in a relevant disciplinary area in agriculture, animal production, fisheries, forestry, natural resource management or food security.</p> <p>Applicants must be enrolled either at Honours level (3-year degree) or fourth year (4-year degree), or in a research degree at postgraduate level (Masters or PhD).</p>
2	<p>The host—international agricultural research 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. ACIAR, FAO), non-governmental (NGO), commercial (e.g. seed company), or university based.</p> <p>Provide details of the international agricultural research project or activity that you plan to link with (who is conducting it, who is funding it, where it is based, what are its main objectives) and how you plan to link the proposed activity with the project.</p> <p>Funding to attend research workshops overseas will not be considered unless there is a strong case</p>
3	<p>The proposal</p> <p>Provide details of what 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 organisation and describe how the project activities match 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 this international agriculture initiative is designed to assist the host country where it is conducted, projects need to be of mutual benefit to NT, as well as of benefit to the applicant. Proposals that can clearly demonstrate benefit to NT (e.g. through stronger linkages in research areas of interest to NT industry, access to technical knowledge of local interest, understanding the application of technical knowledge to different agricultural systems, or knowledge that will help foster NT–developing country commercial engagement) will have an advantage.</p>
4	<p>Budget</p> <p>The Crawford Fund Student International Research Awards can be used for airfares and other travel costs, accommodation and subsistence, and/or operational research costs, to a maximum total value of \$3,000 per awardee.</p> <p>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 Country Project or Activity with which the applicant proposes to link.</p> <p>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 Country Project or Activity. Please indicate if this includes insurance cover.</p>
6	<p>Referees</p> <p>The Authorised Officers in Section 5 may also act as Academic Referees for the applicant or the applicant may wish to nominate other referee(s).</p>