

CRAWFORD FUND SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

For Young Agricultural Students and Scientists

to attend

THE CRAWFORD FUND 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHOLAR PROGRAM

“Weathering the ‘Perfect Storm’: Addressing the Agriculture, Energy, Water, Climate Change Nexus”

12-14 August 2019, Canberra



The **Crawford Fund** is a not-for-profit organisation that raises awareness of the benefits to Australia and developing countries of Australia’s engagement in international agricultural research and development; supports training programs for developing country scientists and farmers, drawing on Australian experience, and encourages and supports young Australians in their careers, studies and volunteering in agriculture for development.

Our **conference scholar program** has been running since 2010. It gives about 40 young people the opportunity to attend Australia’s key food security conference, interact and learn from renowned international and national speakers, and to network and be mentored by key researchers, academics and policy makers involved in food and nutrition security.

The fun and informative activities are developed in partnership with young and ‘old’ agricultural scientists and **Researchers in Agriculture for International Development (RAID)**, a program of the Fund which works to connect, engage and support agricultural researchers in international development.

This year the conference scholar program will run from 12-14 August around the Fund’s 2019 annual conference, titled *“Weathering the ‘Perfect Storm’: Addressing the Agriculture, Energy, Water and Climate Change Nexus.”*

“The Perfect Storm” was a term coined by Sir John Beddington, the former UK Chief Scientist, to describe his prediction that by 2030, food shortages, scarce water and insufficient energy resources would threaten to unleash public unrest, cross-border conflicts and mass migration as people fled from the worst-affected regions.

Now, more than 10 years later, we will examine the available evidence as to whether the ‘storm’ is still on track to happen, or whether scientific, engineering and agricultural innovation and what is happening in the farmer’s field has lessened or delayed its impact.

Our **scholarships** include attendance of the conference and two half days of activities; conference registration fees, reasonable transport, food and accommodation costs.

The awards will be made through the Crawford Fund’s State and Territory programs. We are also approaching sponsors from the public and private sectors for their support. All scholarships are subject to a suitable candidate being identified.

Applications are sought from the ACT, NSW, NT, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and WA and applicants must be:

- under the age of 35 as at 1 July 2019,
- either a full-time student at a university, or
- working in ag science or an allied industry, and
- able to demonstrate an interest in international agricultural development.

States (except South Australia) require applicants to be Australian citizens or permanent residents and SA has a preference for citizens or permanent residents.

Conference scholars agree to make a presentation at a relevant academic, research or other institute or group; work to enhance interest amongst their peers in international agricultural research; and provide a 500-word article outlining how they benefited from the conference and what they considered to be the highlights. These articles will be included in the Crawford Fund e-newsletter and website.

Applications close at COB Monday, 17 June 2019.

There are no forms to complete – your application to the Coordinator in your State or Territory should explain why you wish to attend the conference, your bio details and relevant research or work interests, and should be accompanied by a letter of support from your university, research supervisor or employer. Successful applicants will be notified by 5 July 2019.



2018 Conference Scholars with Crawford Fund Board, staff, mentors and State committee members

Act now:

Read our [Scholar Booklet](#) for more information.

Hear some past scholars being interviewed on the Fund’s [YouTube channel](#).

Ask questions by contacting the [Crawford Fund Coordinator for your State/Territory](#).

Submit your application to the [Crawford Fund Coordinator for your State/Territory](#).



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