What are the benefits?
The Crawford Fund’s specialist training activities aim to build
capacity to support greater food security and prosperity in
developing countries and Australia.

Master Classes often build on Australian technological,
scientific and practical capabilities in agricultural research and
development to help find solutions to problems in neighbouring
countries. They may also focus on areas of mutual interest to
Australia and its trading partners, such as biosecurity.

The Master Class program identifies emerging areas of science
that are changing the way research is conducted. It offers a
valuable way for researchers in these emerging areas to develop
networks with their peers in other countries.

How much will it cost?
The Crawford Fund aims to run and co-sponsor Master Classes
with appropriate partners in Australia and overseas.

While the total cost of running the classes can range from
$30,000 to $100,000AUD, co-sponsorship keeps the cost as low
as possible for individual participants.

Participant costs will range from zero to several thousand
dollars, depending on the capacity of participants or their
employers to contribute and the Fund’s ability to attract co-
sponsorship.

How do I get involved?
The Crawford Fund actively seeks delivery partners for the
Master Classes and welcomes enquiries and suggestions for the
development of new topic areas.

Australian research and training institutions wishing to get
involved in the Master Classes are invited to contact the
Crawford Fund today.

For more information about the Crawford Fund Master Classes visit
our website: www.crawfordfund.org/training/master-classes/
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The Crawford Fund is a non-profit, non-government
organisation that works to raise awareness of the
benefits to Australia and developing countries from
international agricultural research.

20 Partners in 25 countries
50 Master Classes
1000 Trained Scientists
1 Food-secure World
WHAT IS A MASTER CLASS?

Master Classes are the flagship training initiative of the Crawford Fund and are often delivered in partnership with other key agencies including ACIAR, CSIRO, CGIAR Centres, universities and state governments.

Since 1992, around 1000 people have participated in more than 50 Master Classes held in 14 countries across the Asia-Pacific, Africa and Australia.

Delivered by experienced instructors, each class offers high-quality tuition to early- and mid-career researchers, in the field in which they have already trained and are actively working, to build a higher level of expertise across emerging areas of science, policy and agribusiness.

Master Classes can consist of lectures, discussion sessions, video presentations, laboratory work and field visits. Skills covered include those relevant to the following areas:

- market access, biosecurity and food policy;
- agriculture’s natural resource base (soils, water, vegetation and biodiversity);
- global change and risk assessment (closing yield gaps, climate change and variability and managing business risks);
- science communication, research leadership and management, information technology and intellectual property.

WHO SHOULD DO ONE?

Master Classes are primarily aimed at early- to mid-career agricultural scientists, senior administrators, academic personnel, decision-makers and public servants in developing countries.

Each class contains 12–20 participants dedicated to improving their skills and knowledge, who have a good command of the appropriate language for the Master Class (often English).

Equal participation of men and women is encouraged. Special effort is made to include self-funded Australian participants to enhance networking opportunities between overseas participants and their peers in Australia.

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