

STUDENT AWARDS 2020

Supporting active engagement in international agricultural research for developing countries by Australian university students.



Our Student Awards

The Crawford Fund's mission is to increase Australia's engagement in international agricultural research, development and education for the benefit of developing countries and Australia.

As part of our efforts to support and encourage the next generation in study, careers and volunteering in international agricultural research, the Crawford Fund proudly supports our Student Awards.

The Student Awards, open to tertiary students in all States and Territories, usually see the successful recipients travel to a host country to research and explore their chosen topic areas in international agricultural projects and gain valuable practical experience on the ground in developing countries.

Many of our successful Awardees will be partnered with projects through the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) and international agricultural research centres.

Diverse and rewarding experiences

The topics covered and countries visited by our past Student Award recipients have been many and varied. The rewarding projects our most recent Student Award winners have been involved in cover diverse commodities including banana, cassava, chickpea, cattle, finfish, pigs, poultry, sheep, trees, vegetables and wheat.

The topics they have covered include climate smart agriculture; livestock disease risk management; food security and childhood malnutrition; carbon sequestration in tropical soils; diversifying smallholder livelihoods; forest and landscape restoration; improving maternal and childhood nutrition; ecological control of liver fluke; and unlocking the future potential of the edible insect sector for aquaculture, poultry and livestock!

Countries travelled to include Cambodia, Costa Rica, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Samoa, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

Students from the previous rounds of Awards have shared their experiences, challenges and highlights through the Crawford Fund network, including those following:

"My experience here in Timor-Leste exceeded my expectations by a long shot... I look forward to going back home to share all these experiences with my partner, however, I will leave this country a little melancholy – it won't be the last time that I come to this country."

Christian Berger, University of Western Australia

"The Student Award provided me an opportunity to gain experience researching in a very different social, environmental and cultural setting. Spending an extended period of time working on the ground with the researchers and farmers allowed me to gain insight into the breeding, production and management of mungbean farms in Myanmar."

Thomas Noble, Queensland University of Technology

"Personally, the study tour was an invaluable life experience and I am excited to see how the women progress in their pearl enterprises. I will definitely be back to both Tonga and Fiji. There is nothing that can replace personal experience and I am so grateful that the Crawford Fund appreciate this and enable overseas hands-on experiences, through this Award."

Samantha Nowland, University of Sunshine Coast

"I've fallen in love with Timor-Leste, and the positivity, warmth and kindness of its people. As I embark on my plane and leave this enchanted island, I leave with a heightened sense of appreciation and awe towards agriculture for development, and Australia's engagement in international agricultural research and development."

Kimberly Pellosis, University of Melbourne

Interested?

With the disruption to the university year caused by COVID-19, we are extending the closing date for our 2020 student awards to **Friday 26 June 2020**.

Need further information?

General information about the Student Awards is available [here](#) - including the diverse and interesting experiences of past recipients.

Call or email the [State/Territory Coordinator](#) in your jurisdiction for more specific information about the requirements, opportunities and timeframes.

