

CRAWFORD FUND SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

For Young Agricultural Students and Scientists

to attend

THE CRAWFORD FUND 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Food and Nutrition Security - The Biosecurity, Health, Trade Nexus

23-25 August 2021, 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. This year it will give about 30 young people the opportunity to attend Australia's key food security conference, interact and learn from renowned speakers, and 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 23-25 August around our annual conference, titled "Food and Nutrition Security - The Biosecurity, Health, Trade Nexus."

As the current pandemic has shown, the vast increase in and growing complexity of international trade, travel, tourism and density of development have placed ever growing challenges on maintaining plant and animal biosecurity, the rapid spread of infectious diseases and the protection of biodiversity.

The conference will explore the specific risks to plant, animal and human health; how these factors are putting global food and nutrition security at risk; and, the emerging technological and management solutions.

In keeping with COVID related restrictions, we plan to have a hybrid event, with all Australia-based speakers available in the room, and our international speakers attending live, but virtually.

Our event will be organised to comply with all COVID-related requirements to ensure a safe experience. Of course, we will remain ready to make changes at any time should there be any further implications to holding a physical event in Canberra due to COVID.

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. 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 2021,
- 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 SA) 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 Friday, 25 June 2021.

There is a [brief online form](#) to complete. Your application should be addressed to the Coordinator in your State or Territory and should explain why you wish to attend the conference, your bio details and relevant research or work interests. It should be accompanied by a letter of support from your university, research supervisor or employer.

Successful applicants will be notified by **12 July 2021**.



2019 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 [online](#).

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