

CRAWFORD FUND STUDENT AWARDS



Applications are invited from students in Australian universities interested in gaining expertise and experience in international agricultural research.

The deadline for online applications is close of business on **Monday 13 May 2024**.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPROVED AWARDEES' TRAVEL WILL NEED TO COMPLY WITH ANY DFAT TRAVEL ADVICE.

This note is intended to assist students with general background information and with the online application process.

OVERVIEW

The Crawford Fund is an Australian non-government organisation that encourages greater recognition in Australia of the importance of international agricultural research, development and training for food and nutrition security. Part of our efforts focus on encouraging the next generation of researchers.

To promote active engagement in agricultural research for food and nutrition security, the Crawford Fund Committees are offering a small number of competitive research funding awards for tertiary students. The purpose of the Crawford Fund Student Awards is to facilitate active student participation in projects to help them gain valuable experience and expertise in international agricultural research.

We encourage you to look at the webpage for the committee responsible for the State/Territory in which your institution is based and to make contact with the relevant coordinator. The coordinator of the Crawford Fund Committee that will consider your application is available to assist you with any further clarification you may need. All contacts are provided in this note.

THE APPLICANT

Applicants must already be enrolled at a recognised tertiary institute in Australia and engaged in a relevant biophysical or socio-economic aspect of agriculture, animal production, fisheries, forestry, natural resource management or food security. Please see the table on page 2 to check if you are at a sufficiently senior level of study in your degree for awards in your State/Territory.

THE AWARDS

These awards are designed to facilitate novel engagement by the students with agricultural research and development assistance projects being undertaken in overseas countries where the students intend to work and gain experience. The projects with which the students plan to link can be governmental (e.g. ACIAR, university, FAO), non-governmental or commercial (e.g. seed or R&D company).

The purpose of the awards is to allow the students to undertake additional research or project activities that would not otherwise be possible, rather than for ongoing postgraduate research projects already in place. Funding to attend research conferences overseas will not ordinarily be considered.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants need to complete an [online application form](#) and outline what novel research or project activity the award would allow them to undertake, how that would augment and add value, and what benefits would emerge from the experience.

Proposals that can clearly demonstrate how the award will also deliver benefit to their State/Territory will have a clear advantage. This could be through stronger linkages in research areas of interest to industry, access to technical knowledge of local interest, or knowledge that will help foster commercial engagement. Proposals will only be considered if they include all required attachments, explained below.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Awardees will need to provide a written report to the funding Committee describing what they achieved through their award activity – more details are provided in a separate note to successful applicants. It is expected the report will be the basis of some public awareness activities, including a web blog used in our social media outreach.

Our Northern Territory and Queensland Committees may also offer awardees a Crawford Fund Conference Scholarship to attend the [Crawford Fund Annual Conference](#) in Canberra, in August in 2024, in which case a separate report relating to attendance at the Conference will also be required.

STATE COMMITTEE CONTACTS

We strongly encourage you to check the requirements for your State/Territory Committee's Awards prior to applying. Your application will be considered by the committee in the State or Territory in which your tertiary institute is located.

The table below provides a summary of the study programs eligible for the Awards in each jurisdiction.

| State/Territory | Undergrad. studies | Honours | Postgrad. studies | Max. award (\$) |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|--|
| ACT | No | Yes | Yes | \$5,000 |
| NSW | No | Yes | Yes | \$5,000 |
| NT | Yes | Yes | Yes | \$5,000 |
| QLD | 4th year only | Yes | Yes | \$4,000 4th year and Honours \$5,000 Postgraduate |
| SA | 4th year only | Yes | Yes | \$5,000 |
| TAS | Yes | Yes | Yes | \$5,000 |
| VIC | No | Yes | Yes | \$5,000 |
| WA | No | Yes | Yes | \$5,000 |

Contacts for your State/Territory and links to the related webpage are:

- **Australian Capital Territory**
Mr David Shearer - Email: David.Shearer@anu.edu.au
Web: www.crawfordfund.org/training/state-programs/act-committee/
- **New South Wales**
Hon Associate Professor Helen Scott-Orr PSM - Email: hscottorr@gmail.com
Web: www.crawfordfund.org/training/state-programs/nsw-committee/
- **Northern Territory**
Ms Tania Paul - Email: tania.paul@crawfordfund.org
Web: www.crawfordfund.org/training/state-programs/nt-committee/
- **Queensland**
Prof Bob Lawn FRSB FTSE FAIA - Email: bob.lawn@crawfordfund.org
Web: www.crawfordfund.org/training/state-programs/qld-committee/
Specifically: <https://www.crawfordfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Crawford-in-QLD-Student-Award-guidelines.pdf>

- **South Australia**
Mr Roger Wickes PSM FAIAST - Email: roger.wickes@crawfordfund.org
Web: www.crawfordfund.org/training/state-programs/sa-committee/
- **Tasmania**
Dr Neville Mendham FAIAST - Email: n.mendham@utas.edu.au
Web: <https://www.crawfordfund.org/training/state-programs/tas-committee/>
- **Victoria**
Mr Bill Lewis FAIA - Email: bill@welewis.com.au
Web: www.crawfordfund.org/training/state-programs/vic-committee/
- **Western Australia**
Professor Lyn Abbott FAIAST - Email: lynette.abbott@crawfordfund.org
Web: www.crawfordfund.org/training/stateprograms/wa-committee/

FURTHER INFORMATION

You can read more information about the Crawford Fund Student Awards [here](#).

If you would like to see the diversity of projects, countries and organisations involved - you can see the list of our 2023 successful awardees [here](#), our 2022 successful awardees [here](#), and our 2021 awardees [here](#).

NOTES - to facilitate completion of the online form

Before you begin

The short online application form will require you to attach a brief CV, a budget outline for your activities, the signatures of, or a supporting note from, the two Authorised Officers approving your application (see 4. Approvals), and details of at least one referee (as per 5. Referees). Your health and safety is paramount to us so you will be asked to provide details of the arrangements for this purpose too.

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| 1. | <p>The host project or activity to which the applicant proposes to link</p> <p>The project to which the applicant proposes to link their award travel and engagement can be governmental (e.g. university, ACIAR, FAO), non-governmental (NGO) or commercial (e.g. seed company). Provide details of the project or activity to which you plan to link your trip (who is conducting it, who is funding it, where it is based, what are its main objectives including name and ID number if available from the host). Funding to attend research conferences overseas will not ordinarily be considered.</p> |
| 2 | <p>The proposal</p> <p>Provide details of your proposal: what new research or project activity do you propose to do if you are successful in obtaining an award?</p> <p>Describe how you propose to link with the host project and describe how that matches 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 international agricultural research is designed to assist the host country where it is conducted, effective projects are of mutual benefit to the home country. Proposals that can clearly demonstrate benefit to your State/Territory (e.g. through stronger linkages in research areas of clear interest to industry, access to technical knowledge of local interest, or knowledge that will help foster commercial engagement) will have a clear advantage.</p> |
| 3. | <p>The budget – template available here</p> <p>Award funds can be used for airfares and other travel costs, accommodation and subsistence, and/or operational research costs. These awards can vary in amount but will generally be around \$3,500. Contact the Coordinator in your State or Territory to find out more details on the awards in your State/Territory. The Crawford Fund support may be used to augment, but not substitute for, support from other sources. Provide brief details of cash and in-kind support available from other sources to support your proposal.</p> |

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| 4. | <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. You may find it easier to have the Officer provide a note of support to upload to the application form, than to contribute and provide a signature to upload.</p> <p>The proposal should include comprehensive details of your 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> |
| 5. | <p>Referees</p> <p>The Authorised Officers in Section 4 may also act as Academic Referees for the applicant or the applicant may wish to nominate other referee(s).</p> |
| 6. | <p>Public awareness</p> <p>Applicants must be amenable to involvement in public awareness activities associated with the award. Awardees are expected to advise the Fund one week before they travel to help facilitate a short web report or social media around their trip. Awardees are also required to provide a written report with photos to the relevant Crawford Fund Committee describing the trip and what they learned during their trip, with photos, within two weeks of completing travel. Successful applicants will be provided with reporting requirements prior to signing their funding agreement.</p> |

Further information:

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Twitter: @CrawfordFund | **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/CrawfordFund/

