



Career-defining opportunities available for university students

The Crawford Fund for Food Security currently has three opportunities open for students at Australian universities.

Firstly, our **Henzell Awards** allow undergrads to experience international agriculture for development by visiting and working on an existing overseas project, secondly, our **Student Awards** enable (mainly) post-grad students to gain valuable experience and expertise by bringing an international component to their studies and research, and lastly, our **conference scholarships** enable students aged 35 and under to attend our conference in Canberra in August and participate in mentoring and targeted activities around the event.

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1. Henzell Awards

The Crawford Fund for Food Security is offering travel awards designed specifically for **undergraduate students** to targeted countries, thanks to support from Ted and Frances Henzell and their family.

The Henzell's and the Crawford Fund hope by experiencing work on the ground in a partner country, you may be encouraged to consider further related study and develop a career to join the many others active with Australian and international institutions having an impact on food and nutrition security.

In 2025, there were four recipients for the inaugural Henzell Awards. You can read the reflections of their experiences [here](#).

"There are no other opportunities like this for undergraduates, it was a great experience, that opened our minds," said Ava Robertson, from the University of Sydney who travelled to Samoa as part of an ongoing CSIRO and ACIAR project around soil health and soil survey training.

"Ultimately, this experience furthered my enthusiasm to learn how scientific concepts can be applied to critical global challenges," said Ava Christie from the University of Tasmania who visited an ACIAR project in Vietnam to support acacia and eucalypt breeding.

Read more [here](#). Applications close **12 May 2026**.

If you are **university staff member or researcher** involved in a research project in a developing country or you know of projects supported by your university, you can encourage your undergraduate students to apply for a Henzell Award to visit and be involved in these specific projects.

2. Student Awards

If you are a university student undertaking a degree in agriculture, animal production, fisheries, forestry, natural resource management or any area broadly related to food and nutrition security, our Student Awards, available in every State and Territory, could open a whole new world of experience and career opportunities.

These awards enable students to gain valuable experience and expertise by bringing an international component to their studies and research. This usually involves travel and immersion in a research project, country and culture.

Read more [here](#). Applications close **12 May 2026**.

3. Conference Scholarships

These scholarships are a fantastic opportunity for people 35 and under who are passionate about food and nutrition security or agricultural research and development.

We strongly encourage you to seek out this opportunity and experience two fun and informative half days of activities around the conference including personal mentoring and first-hand advice about the opportunities available. The scholarships are awarded through our State and Territory programs, with conference registration fees and reasonable transport, food and accommodation costs covered by the award.

Our 470 past scholars are overwhelmingly positive about their conference scholarship experiences, seeing it as an invaluable mentoring, networking and motivational experience. You can enjoy the thoughts and reflections of our 2025 scholars [here](#).

Read more [here](#), and apply to attend the Crawford Fund conference at Parliament House in Canberra in August!

Applications close **22 May 2026**.

Further information:



Henzell Awards



Student Awards



Scholarships