



Cotton Australia Conference Scholarship

In 2016 Cotton Australia will offer twenty \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate students to attend the Australian Cotton Conference.

About Cotton Australia

Cotton Australia is the peak body for Australia's cotton growing industry, supporting over 1500 cotton farming families in NSW and Queensland. We foster a world class agricultural industry that's sustainable, valued for its economic and social contributions and produces a top quality product in demand around the globe.

As part of our commitment to the cotton industry Cotton Australia seeks to ensure that it has access to a well-trained and motivated workforce.

As part of this commitment Cotton Australia is delighted to support students to attend the Australian Cotton Conference.

This scholarship has been enabled by the Cotton Catchments Communities Co-operative Research Centre's Legacy Fund.

Nature of the Scholarships

The 18th Australian Cotton Conference will be held at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre from 2-4 August 2016. This event is held every second year. It is an extraordinary three days of industry networking, learning from peers, hearing from leading experts in cotton research, production, business and marketing and meeting potential employers.

Newcomers to cotton and students are especially welcome. This scholarship aims to cover the costs of attending the conference for a number of students from the following universities: Charles Sturt University, University of New England, University of Sydney, Western Sydney University, University of Southern Queensland, Central Queensland University and the University of Queensland.

The value of the scholarships shall be \$1500 each.

Eligibility Criteria

The scholarships shall be open to candidates:



- enrolled/enrolling in undergraduate study at Charles Sturt University, University of New England, University of Sydney, Western Sydney University, University of Southern Queensland, Central Queensland University and the University of Queensland
- studying agriculture, agricultural science or similar
- eligible to live, work, and study in Australia
- able to attend the entire conference from August 2nd-4th 2016 including the Cotton Industry Awards Dinner on the evening of Thursday August 4th
- Not already holding a scholarship from Cotton Australia or the Cotton Research and Development Corporation
- Are working towards a Diploma or Bachelor Degree
- Who have not received a scholarship to attend the Cotton Conference in the past.

Your Application should include;

1. A two page application (max 500 words) or short video (max 3 mins) outlining the following;
 - Explain how you came to be interested in the industry
 - Explain how attendance at the conference will assist your studies
 - Describe your career aspirations and how the scholarship will help you achieve them
 - Mention of other times you have attended the conference (if relevant)
2. A brief resume outlining your work experience, hobbies, community involvement and interests.
3. Attach a copy (not originals) of your academic transcript
4. The contact details of two references
5. Your full contact details including your address

Application Procedures

Applicants can answer the selection criteria via a video presentation or as a written document. Applications must be submitted by email, no later than 5pm Monday 6th June 2016 to;

Cotton.Scholarships@cotton.org.au

Applications submitted after the due date or without the relevant documentation will not be considered.

Selection Process

The award of the scholarship shall be made at the absolute discretion of the Selection Committee.

The selection committee reserves the right not to award a scholarship in any year.

The selection committee's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The selection committee will determine all matters relating to the Scholarship.



Payment

The Cotton Conference ticket, Cotton Awards ticket and accommodation will be purchased on behalf of the scholarship recipient by Cotton Australia from the \$1500 bursary. The remainder of the \$1500 will be paid directly to the scholarship holder to cover travel and expenses.

Ongoing Eligibility

If the recipient suspends or defers their study after being offered and having accepted a scholarship, Cotton Australia reserves the right to suspend or cancel the scholarship funding. The recipient must notify Cotton Australia of any suspension or deferment of study as soon as the decision has been made.

Conditions of the Scholarship

Scholarship awardees acknowledge that they may be required for promotional events and publicity. Content from the original applications may also be used for this purpose.

By submitting the application, the applicant authorises the Selection Committee to verify any information provided by the applicant.

Scholarship recipients may be invited to industry event e.g. meals and sponsored talks occurring around the cotton conference. They are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these networking opportunities.

More Information

Cotton Australia

Please contact Education Coordinator Sophie Davidson - sophied@cotton.org.au for more information.

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