



Advancing Australian Cotton

Cotton Australia Cotton Collective Scholarship 2017

In 2017, Cotton Australia will offer six \$1,000 scholarships to undergraduate students to attend the Cotton Collective to be held in Griffith, NSW, from July 26 and 27, 2017.

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 Collective.

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

Nature of the scholarships

The Cotton Collective will be held at the Yoogali Club in Griffith NSW on July 26 and 27, 2017. This event is held every second year. It is a great day 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 undergraduate students are especially welcome. This scholarship aims to help cover the costs of attending the collective for four students from either Charles Sturt University, University of New England, University of Sydney, University of Southern Queensland or the University of Queensland.

The value of the scholarships shall be \$1000 each.

Eligibility criteria

The Scholarships shall be open to candidates who are:

- Enrolled fulltime in undergraduate study at Charles Sturt University, University of New England, University of Sydney, University of Southern Queensland or the University of Queensland.
- Studying agriculture, agricultural science or similar
- Eligible to live, work, and study in Australia
- Able to attend the entire event on July 26 and 27 including the Australian Cotton Industry Awards Dinner on the evening of Wednesday July 26.
- Are not already holding a scholarship from Cotton Australia or the Cotton Research and Development Corporation
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Application process

1. Your application must be submitted via the online form at the link below no later than 5pm, June 9, 2017: www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3524961/cottoncollective2017
2. Among other things, the application will require you to:
 - Explain how you came to be interested in the cotton industry
 - Explain how attendance at the event will assist your studies
 - Describe your career aspirations and how the scholarship will help you achieve them
3. Should you be shortlisted, you will be required to provide a digital supply of your academic record and the contact details of at least one reference.
4. All applicants will be notified on the outcome of their application.

Applications submitted after the due date will not be considered. The applicant authorises the Selection Committee to verify any information provided by the applicant.

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 decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The Selection Committee will determine all matters relating to the scholarship.

Payment

The Australian Cotton Industry Awards ticket will be purchased on behalf of the scholarship recipient by Cotton Australia from the \$1000 bursary. The remainder of the \$1000 will be paid directly to the scholarship holder to cover accommodation 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

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.

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



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More information

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Australian Cotton Collective

Cotton Collective program and registration: TBA

Australian Cotton Industry Awards: www.australiancottonawards.com

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