



## Cotton Australia Final Year Undergraduate Project Scholarship

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In 2017 Cotton Australia will offer ten \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate students who undertake a final year project relating to the cotton industry.

### **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. It also seeks to support those who both use and value cotton as a product and those who encourage the next generation of consumers and industry participants.

As part of this commitment Cotton Australia is delighted to support scholarships to students undertaking a final year project relating to the cotton industry.

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

### **Nature of the Scholarships**

The final year project is considered to be an important part of the education process. In the past, the cotton industry has benefited considerably from technology, research, products and ideas developed as part of a final year project. We recognise that many students spend hundreds of hours on projects. This scholarship is designed to support students to achieve outstanding results in this endeavour.

The value of the scholarships shall be \$1,500.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

The Scholarships shall be open to candidates who:

- Are enrolled/enrolling in the final year of undergraduate study in an accredited Australian university or Marcus Oldham College in 2017.
- Can provide a project brief relevant to the Cotton industry demonstrating endorsement by their university and the contact details of the project supervisor
- Must be eligible to live, work, and study in Australia.
- Be enrolled in agricultural science, the sciences, environmental studies, natural resource management, engineering, economics, business or finance, social science, teaching/



education (or similar), or applied Science (Textile Technology), Fashion, Design (Textiles) or similar.

- Have not received a CRDC summer scholarship, CRDC honours scholarship or a horizon scholarship sponsored by CRDC.
- Education students must be studying at an Institution in QLD or NSW.
- Marcus Oldham Students must be in their final year of a Bachelor's Degree.

### **Application procedure;**

1. Your application must be submitted via online form at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2975029/Cotton-Australia-Final-Year-Undergraduate-Project-Scholarship-Application>.
2. Amongst other things, the application will require you to:
  - Explain your project
  - Explain the anticipated benefit of the project for the industry
  - Describe your career aspirations and how the scholarship will help you achieve them
  - The contact details of the project supervisor.
3. Applications must be received by Friday 5pm 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
4. Should you be shortlisted, your project supervisor will be contacted and you will be requested to supply a digital copy of your academic record.

### **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**

An initial payment of \$1000 will be made to the recipient when the scholarship is bestowed. \$500 will be given to the recipient when the final project report and evidence of the award of a credit or above is received by Cotton Australia.

### **Ongoing Eligibility**

If the recipient suspends or defers their study, 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 their original application may also be used for this purpose.



## More Information

Please contact Education Coordinator Sophie Davidson - [sophied@cotton.org.au](mailto:sophied@cotton.org.au) for more information relating to this scholarship.

Keep in touch about Cotton Australia scholarships and development opportunities through

- Cotton Australia website, <http://cottonaustralia.com.au/cotton-classroom/scholarships-available>
- Cotton Matters, Cotton Australia's newsletter. It regularly lists upcoming news and events. <http://cottonaustralia.com.au/news/category/cotton-matters>
- Industry workshops, field trips, courses and conferences are listed on an ongoing basis at <http://cottoninfo.com.au/calendar/month>
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