



Cotton Australia Australian Association of Cotton Scientists Conference Scholarship 2017

In 2017, Cotton Australia will offer four \$1250 scholarships to undergraduate students to attend the Australian Association of Cotton Scientists Conference to be held in Canberra ACT, from September 5 to 7, 2017.

About Cotton Australia

Cotton Australia is the peak body for Australia's cotton growing industry, supporting over 1200 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. Cotton Australia is delighted to support students to attend the Australian Association of Cotton Scientists Conference.

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

Nature of the scholarships

The Australian Association of Cotton Scientists Conference will be held at the CSIRO Discovery Centre, Black Mountain Science and Innovation Precinct, Clunies Ross Street, Acton, ACT, from September 5 to 7, 2017.

The objective of the biannual event is to serve as a platform for cotton researchers to present and discuss concepts, key issues and the latest findings in research relevant to the Australian cotton industry, and cotton research community. The conference also encourages networking, collaboration, and a better understanding of the scope of the science performed across the breadth of the cotton industry. The event will include plenary lectures from renowned speakers, research talks within a range of themes, and interactive sessions for debating concepts derived from the talks of that day.

Newcomers to cotton and undergraduate students are especially welcome. This scholarship aims to help cover the costs of attending the event for four students.

The value of the scholarships shall be \$1250 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 New South Wales, University of Technology Sydney, University of Sydney, University of Southern Queensland, Central Queensland University, University of Queensland and Marcus Oldham College.

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- Studying agriculture, agricultural science or similar
- Eligible to live, work, and study in Australia
- Able to attend the entire event from September 5 to 7, 2017. Note: this may include travel the day before the event commences.
- 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, July 12, 2017: www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3644908/Cotton-Australia-Australian-Association-of-Cotton-Scientists-Conference-Scholarship-2017
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. 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 \$180 event registration cost (which includes the conference app, daily catering, welcome mixer and conference dinner to be held on September 6), travel and accommodation will be purchased on behalf of the scholarship recipient by Cotton Australia from the \$1250 bursary.

Any amount remaining will be paid directly to you (via cheque) to help cover other expenses associated with your attendance at the event.

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.

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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 events e.g. meals and sponsored talks occurring around the Australian Association of Cotton Scientists Conference. They are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these networking opportunities.

More information

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