



Cotton Australia Conference Scholarship for teachers

In 2016 Cotton Australia will offer nine scholarships to high school teachers 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.

One of Cotton Australia's priorities is to ensure we have access to a skilled workforce across the supply chain.

As part of this commitment Cotton Australia is delighted to support teachers 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 partners.

Tuesday 2nd August has been delegated a teacher day. This scholarship aims to subsidise the costs of attendance for nine teachers from Queensland or NSW.

The value of the scholarships shall be up to \$1,200.

Eligibility Criteria

The scholarships shall be open to candidates who:

- are secondary teachers in QLD or NSW of STEM, Agriculture, Agricultural Science, Primary Industries, Science (incl. biology) or Design and Technology
- teach in a full time capacity
- teach at a public, catholic, or independent school in NSW and QLD



- can demonstrate that you are already undertaking teaching related to the cotton industry
- can provide evidence of the intention to use the skills and knowledge gained at the conference or the partnerships gained at the conference in their teaching program or a school program
- can commit to extending the knowledge from the conference to colleagues
- can commit to using the conference to develop an outline for (at least) 1 lesson or activity (to be provided to CA)
- commit to write one article (300 words max) for the PIEFA or industry association newsletter.

Your Application should include

1. A two page application (max 500 words) or short video (max 3 mins) addressing each of the criteria above;
2. A brief resume
3. The contact details of two references
4. Your full contact details including your address

Scholarship inclusions

The scholarship shall include:

- Cotton Conference registration for Tuesday 2nd August 2016 (\$425.00)
- One day teacher relief to the value of \$365*
- Travel up to \$250**
- 1 night's accommodation on 2nd August at the Gold Coats if required***
- Lunch, afternoon tea, drinks and dinner on August 2nd August
- Breakfast August 3rd if required

* To be paid directly to the school upon receipt of an invoice to Cotton Australia

*Travel costs will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The maximum that will be paid for travel is \$250. Travel will not be paid for those in the Gold Coast region. Scholarship recipients will be responsible for arranging their own travel.

** Accommodation, if required, will be twin share on the evening of 2nd August.



Key dates and time

Tuesday, August 2nd 2016. You will need to be at the Conference from 10:10am – 5:45pm followed by drinks and dinner. The program includes:

New Frontiers

This year's Conference is tackling the concept of the new cotton frontier: challenging the limits of our knowledge and the most advanced achievement in our field. So, it is apt that our opening session explores personal development with The Naked CEO Alex Malley and new frontiers for agriculture with the CSIRO's chairman David Thoday.

Frontiers in Digital Agriculture

In this session we'll explore where digital agriculture research is taking the Australian cotton industry – from precision ag to decision ag. And we'll provide some insights and practical examples as to how to improve your business by utilising this technology, while also looking after your data.

Farm Succession Planning

Supported by Rabobank, we'll provide real-life examples from family farm businesses on how they worked through the complex issue of succession, incorporating the often complex areas of goals, priorities, family expectations and the long term vision for the farm.

Bollgard 3 & Beyond

What will Bollgard 3 deliver and what comes next? 2016 marks 20 years of cotton biotechnology in Australia and in this session, we look to the horizon; the next frontier in cotton breeding and resistance management.

Healthy Soils & Crop Nutrition

It all starts with the soil, as they say. In this session, hear the latest thinking on maintaining soil health and connecting research to the field for crop nutrition.

Cotton and the Curriculum

This session will make practical links to the past and current developments in cotton production and innovation along the supply chain and the curriculum looking in depth at the resources available to support teachers.

Networking Drinks and dinner from 6:30pm

Meet industry participants from along the supply chain and explore potential partnerships to strengthen your teaching program.



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

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

All of the scholarship inclusions will be paid for on behalf of the bursary recipient by Cotton Australia except the travel. Recipients for whom Cotton Australia has agreed to pay travel, will receive a cheque of up to \$250.00.

Ongoing Eligibility

If the recipient takes extended leave, resigns or is suspended from service 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 changes in circumstance 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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