



2010 Undergraduate Scholarships Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Faculty Scholarships are designed to both encourage and assist talented school leavers to choose Agricultural Economics, Resource Economics, Agricultural Science or Environmental Systems at the University of Sydney, and to focus attention on career opportunities which stem from these degrees. These Scholarships demonstrate the keen interest of rural and related industries in tertiary education and in the availability of well-trained graduates. The money, which is for study and living expenses, has been donated by organisations that have an interest in the growth, development and improvement of the agricultural sector of the Australian economy.

How much are they worth?

Each Undergraduate Scholar will receive \$8000 per annum, tax exempt for the four years of the Bachelor of Agricultural Economics (BAgrEc), Bachelor of Resource Economics (BResEc) and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BScAgr) degrees and for three years of the Bachelor of Environmental Systems (BEnvSys) degree, subject to continued high academic achievement.

Who is eligible to receive a scholarship?

You are eligible for a Faculty Undergraduate Scholarship if you:

- are a citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- are sitting for the NSW Higher School Certificate (or equivalent) at the end of 2009 or sat for the HSC in 2008 or 2007 and have not attended a tertiary institution since that time
- achieve a Universities Admission Index of at least 94.0
- commence your studies in March 2010 and
- enrol in a BAgrEc, BEnv Sys, BResEc or BScAgr degree

Eligible applicants will be ranked against selection criteria, with available scholarships being awarded to those ranked highest.

How do I apply?

All applicants for a University of Sydney Scholarship are automatically considered for a Faculty Scholarship and do not need to submit a separate application form.

Applicants who are not eligible for a University of Sydney Scholarship (for example students who have been offered a place in a University of Sydney course but deferred their studies) should complete the application form at the end of this document.

To apply you must:

1. Complete the application form and attach your personal résumé
2. Attach photocopies of Year 12 school reports, HSC results and other relevant information
3. Obtain a recommendation from *either* your Principal *or* Year Coordinator *or* Director of Studies
4. Supply the name and telephone number of a Head Teacher/Class teacher who is willing to act as a referee. This must not be the same person as in (3) above.
5. Return the form and attachments. The School should mail the form directly if information is confidential.

Applications close on 30 October 2009.

What else must I do?

Unless you have been offered and deferred a place at the University of Sydney you must also complete a UAC application form, nominating the BAgEc (511000), BEnvSys (511006) BResEc (511004) or BScAgr (511001) as a preference and return it to UAC by **30 September 2009**.

We will assess your application for a scholarship. If you are selected for further consideration, you must attend a personal interview to be held in late November or early December. Candidates who are to be interviewed will be notified by mid November. Provisional offers will be made in mid-December based on the quality of your application and the interview.

Unless you have been offered and deferred a place at the University of Sydney a provisional offer of a scholarship will be confirmed only if:

- you have one of the BAgEc (511000), BEnvSys (511006), BResEc (511004) or BScAgr (511001), degrees as YOUR FIRST PREFERENCE at UAC in mid-December (*before* your HSC results are released)
- you receive a ATAR of at least 94 in the HSC results
- you keep the BAgEc, BEnvSys, BResEc or BScAgr degree as YOUR FIRST PREFERENCE at UAC after the HSC results are released (the Faculty checks your ATAR and preferences the day after the last day on which you can lodge changes of preference).

Please note that none of the above degrees has to be your first preference at the time of your scholarship application. Many applicants change their first preference to a degree offered within this Faculty after the interview, when they more fully appreciate the degrees. On the other hand, listing none of these degrees as a high preference on your application could reduce your chance of receiving an interview.

What are the personal requirements?

Personal attributes sought in undergraduate scholars go beyond academic performance and include a **demonstrable, strong commitment to one or more of Agriculture, Applied Economics, Science, Sustainability, Environment** and related fields. Other attributes, such as creativity, leadership, self-motivation and communication skills, will be regarded favourably. These will be assessed from your application and through the interview.

What are the academic requirements?

You will be required to achieve an ATAR of at least 94 at the Higher School Certificate examination. Once in these degree programs, undergraduate scholars follow the usual courses of study. There are no special assignments or additional academic work. Scholars are required to maintain a minimum credit level average 65% in the first year and 70% in later years.

Do I have to work for the organisation which offers my scholarship?

No. Undergraduate Scholars will be assigned a scholarship from a sponsoring organisation. Scholars do not have to work for any particular company upon graduation, nor is any company committed to employing a scholar.

**For further information please contact Robyn Turner, Faculty Manager by
phone (61 2 9351 2940) or email robyn.turner@usyd.edu.au**



The University of Sydney

Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Application for Faculty Undergraduate Scholarship in 2010

Application Closing Date: 30 October 2009

Applicant's name in full: (underline your Family name)

Home address:

Postcode: Email: Mobile Number:

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Home Phone Number: Date of birth:

I declare that I am a Citizen / Permanent Resident of Australia (circle): (Applicant's Signature)

Year of HSC:

Please list below the subjects you took at the HSC:

Subjects and Units	HSC Trial Result	Position in Form at Trial HSC	HSC Final Result
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School you attended:

School Phone Number:

Comment about the applicant from *either* the Principal, Year Coordinator *or* Director of Studies.

After the Trials, overall position in Year:out of

Overall school performance:

Level of motivation (1 = highly motivated to 5 = unmotivated) 1 2 3 4 5 (circle to indicate)

Outstanding achievements or special qualities:

Name:Position:

Signature:Date:

*The School should mail this application direct if the information is considered confidential***UAC Application**

UAC Application Number:.....

Indicate in this grid the preferences nominated on your UAC application.

Preference	Code	University	Course Name
First			
Second			
Third			
Fourth			
Fifth			
Sixth			

ATTACHMENTS

The Faculty is looking for more than high academic achievement – we seek students with a passion for the latest agricultural issues and the potential for outstanding professional development. To help in our selection process, please provide a personal résumé, a personal statement and a referee. Do not send originals or photocopies of certificates, e.g. for swimming, Maths/Science competitions.

Personal Résumé:

Your résumé should include information such as special achievements - for example, academic achievements, prizes, high placings in Class/Form (indicate approximate class size), positions of leadership or particular achievements in recreational, cultural, sporting or community activities either within your school or in the wider community, other activities such as work experience study tours and extra-curricular activities.

Personal Statement:

Your personal statement should include information such as the nature of the career path you are interested in pursuing and why; why you are passionate about climate change and sustainability; other information you consider might be of interest to the Faculty, for example, why you think you would make a good scientist or economist.

Reports:

Please provide photocopies of Year 12 school reports, HSC results and other relevant information.

Referee:

(Name)..... has agreed to act as a referee in respect of my application. He / she realises that the Faculty may make contact by telephone on

I hereby give permission for the Faculty to contact the Principal or Teachers in respect of my marks and achievements.

Signed: Date:

Please list any dates in November and December 2009 on which **you CANNOT attend** an interview.

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Send your application to:

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