MEDIA RELEASE

Applications open for 2020 Nuffield International Farming Scholarships

Nuffield International Farming Scholars is pleased to announce the application for 2020 scholarships is now open, and farmers and agricultural professionals are strongly encouraged to apply.

Prospective Nuffield International Farming Scholars are people in agriculture with a desire to explore the global industry and find new best practices and insight they can bring back home with them. Nuffield Scholars are typically between the ages of 25 and 45, with direct engagement in the agriculture industry.

Applications for the 2020 program are due by 30 September 2019. In-person interviews will take place in locations around the world between late October and early November. Selected Nuffield International Scholars will be announced in December 2019.

Upon selection, Nuffield International Scholars will travel the world, participating in both large and small group study tours along with individual research experiences linked to their pre-selected study topic. The global exposure and expansive program network provide Nuffield Scholars with the opportunity to grow personally, implement operational changes at the business level, and share their new knowledge with other producers and the larger agriculture industry.

The Nuffield International scholarship experience begins in March 2020, with participation in the one-week Nuffield International Contemporary Scholars Conference (CSC), to be held in Australia. From there, Nuffield International Scholars undertake a six-week small group travel program, called the Global Focus Program, in either March/April or June/July (2020).

Each Nuffield Scholar also completes a further eight weeks of travel focused on their individual study topic, investigating a contemporary topic in agriculture that is relevant and meaningful to them. A culminating report is submitted by each Nuffield Scholar, giving them an opportunity to contribute to the support of other agriculturalists by sharing what they have learned.

With a program history that dates back to 1947, Nuffield Scholars are globally recognised leaders in agriculture. Up to 75 Nuffield Scholars are selected annually across more than ten countries, providing each participant with personal capacity building experiences through global travel and networking, as well as focused individual research efforts. Through this experience, Nuffield Scholars are equipped with experiences and knowledge to effect progressive change in their industry and community.

Through the Nuffield International program, agriculturalists can connect with the program’s 1,700 alums and engage with innovators around the world. Countries with active Nuffield Farming Scholars programs include the United Kingdom, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and USA.

A list of scholarships available in 2020 is included with this release. Applicants will be reviewed for all scholarships they are eligible for.
Available Scholarships

Scholarships marked with * are available subject to funding being confirmed.

1. Supported by TIAA-CREF Global Agriculture - open to farmers and agribusiness professionals from USA, Brazil, and Chile. The applicant must nominate to study one of the following:
   b. Climate change: The challenges and opportunities for agriculture.
   c. Soil: How to recover, maintain, and improve soil health.
   d. Water: Sustainable water management models (including fertilizers and pesticides Management).
   e. Natural capital: Valuing natural capital and its intrinsic contribution to land values.
   f. Human capital: Managing labour challenges in a corporate farming enterprise.
   g. Institutional investment: How to provide opportunities for young and family farmers.
   h. Rural development: Rural development and community engagement in the age of the corporate farm.
   i. Farming for the future: What will the global agricultural landscape look like in 2039?

2. Supported by a global agriculture company and open to Brazilian farmers and agribusiness professionals.*

3. Supported by a coalition of Brazilian companies - open to Brazilian farmers and agribusiness professionals.*

4. Supported by a coalition of Chilean companies - open to Chilean farmers and agribusiness professionals.*

5. Supported by a U.S. company - open to USA farmers and agribusiness professionals to study labour efficiency in permanent planting primary production.*

6. Supported by a U.S. coalition of organic agriculture organizations - open to USA farmers and agribusiness professionals in the organic sector. *

7. Supported by a coalition of Iowa-based agricultural organizations and available to farmers and agribusiness professionals in the state of Iowa (USA).*

8. Supported by Norinchukin Bank - open to Japanese farmers and agribusiness professionals.

9. Supported by a coalition of Chinese companies and organisations - open to Chinese farmers and agribusiness professionals.*

10. Supported by a coalition of agricultural industry and farm organizations in the country of Georgia open to Georgian farmers and agribusiness professionals.*

11. Supported by a coalition of agricultural industry and farm organizations in the country of Armenia open to Armenian farmers and agribusiness professionals.*

For more information or to apply visit http://www.nuffieldinternational.org/scholarship.html
Nuffield International Farming Scholars inspires people to make a difference in the world of agriculture by developing the individuals who will shape the future of the industry and their local communities. A non-profit organization with a growing global footprint, Nuffield International is a unique network for farmers and agri-professionals that focuses its efforts on personal capacity building; excellence in agricultural production, distribution, research, and management; and local, national, and global thought leadership.

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