



- \$30,000 Scholarship available to research contemporary agribusiness challenges
- Over 10 scholarships available for farmers and agribusiness professionals from Brazil, Chile, Southern Caucuses, and the USA
- Applications close 30 September 2018

2019 NUFFIELD INTERNATIONAL FARMING *Scholars* PROGRAM



A Nuffield International Scholarship provides a unique opportunity for farmers and agri-professionals to participate in an international capacity building program. The Scholarship program involves traveling internationally for sixteen weeks over an 18 month period to gain a global view of agribusiness and research a topic of the Scholars choice relating to food and fibre production, distribution, management and/or communication.

It is the leading agricultural scholarship program worldwide. Nuffield awards approximately 75 scholarships annually and current participating countries include the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Ireland, France , The Netherlands, Brazil and the USA.

Nuffield has been awarding scholarships for over 70 years and there are now approximately 1,800 Scholars worldwide.

Scholars are selected annually on merit for their commitment and passion for farming and are at the leading edge of technology uptake. Applicants do not need academic qualifications but need to persuade selectors they have the necessary qualities to make best use of the opportunity.

This document explains what is involved to participate in the Nuffield International Scholarship program and as a member of the Nuffield International Farming network. Please note that each scholarship has its specific eligibility criteria, such as geographic region, study topics and/or agricultural segment. This is in addition to the standard Nuffield International selection criteria.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Application forms are available from:

www.nuffieldinternational.org

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1. Contemporary Scholars Conference (CSC)

The CSC is a week-long program for newly selected Scholars, which is hosted by member countries and rotated between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The CSC is a targeted way of investing directly into the advancement of world agriculture. It provides a forum for newly selected Nuffield Scholars. Participants are introduced to a worldwide network of farmers and agriculturalists, and establish close ties with like-minded organisations. Scholars consider trade and policy issues affecting agriculture internationally, and meet with those that determine its future. Participants also gain a cultural and ambassadorial experience and develop skills in leadership at both a practical and political level.

2. Global Focus Program (GFP)

Scholars must also participate in a six/seven-week GFP, with an itinerary spent in various countries including New Zealand, UK, USA, China, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, The Netherlands, Ireland, France, India, Qatar, Mexico, Singapore, Indonesia, Japan, Israel, Hong Kong, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Poland, Czech Republic, Chile and the Philippines, investigating agricultural marketing, trade and environmental issues, and experiencing the social and cultural aspects of each region. There are six GFP's annually, with eight to ten Scholars participating in each program. Three GFP's occur in March-April and three programs occur in June-July of each year.

3. Individual Research Program (IRP)

Following the CSC and GFP, Scholars prepare and embark on seven-to-eight weeks of self-organized travel to research their selected topic in countries that enable them to return with the highest possible level of contemporary knowledge.

4. Reporting

Scholars must write a 10,000 word written report on their scholarship which will be based around their study topic. It needs to articulate what the Scholar has studied, what they discovered, what this means for their investor and the agricultural industry and how it will make a demonstrative change to their business and agriculture. The Scholar must make a verbal presentation within two years of the formal announcement of their successful scholarship. For example, if they are awarded the scholarship in December 2018, then they report by December 2020. The location for this reporting may be an agricultural conference or seminar that is part of a larger agricultural based congress to ensure as high profile as possible for the Scholar and the organisation.

Nuffield International Farming Scholarships are deeply grateful to our investors and sponsors for making this transformative experience possible.

The key asset of Nuffield is our worldwide network of Nuffield Scholars who are committed to life-long learning and a meaningful contribution to the development of the productive sector. Members are connected through an international database, opportunities to participate in Nuffield events, apply for additional scholarship opportunities offered by partner organisations, and to represent Nuffield International at events. The Nuffield International set of values are: Respect, Diversity, Humility, Integrity, Reciprocity, Collaboration and Life-long learning.

Key Dates

- Nominations called 2 July 2018.
- Applications submitted by 30 September 2018.
- Internal selection panel reviews applications and short lists candidates by 30 October 2018.
- Nuffield selection panel formally interviews applicants and announce by November/December 2018.
- Interviews will be held by a Nuffield International Selection Panel; exact dates and locations to be confirmed.
- Scholarship program commences with the Contemporary Scholars Conference (CSC), held 9-17 March 2019 in Iowa, USA..
- Scholars participate in one of six Global Focus Programs (GFP), which lasts 6-7 weeks. Three GFP's occur in March-April 2019, and start immediately after the CSC. If Scholars plan to participate in one of the three GFP's in June - July 2019, their first commitment will be to the CSC.

Interviews

- Candidates will be informed by letter (via email) as to whether they have been successful to pass to the next stage of the process.
- The Interview panel will be made up of Nuffield International members and investors.

Successful candidates awarded a Nuffield Scholarship will need to

- Review and sign a contract with Nuffield International.
- Select from the Nuffield corporate clothing range which is available for all Scholars.
- Identify an industry mentor and submit a monthly report to update their progress throughout the scholarship period.
- Attend the 2019 CSC from 9 - 17 March 2019 in De Moines, Iowa, USA.
- Participate in one of six GFP's in 2019.
- Complete a minimum of seven to eight weeks of self-organised study in geographies most relevant to their selected topic. A partner/spouse is able to attend at their own cost.
- Submit a 10,000 word report on the applicants study topic by July 2019, and present their results at a key industry event to be agreed upon.



Welcome to Nuffield Farming Scholarships. I am proud to introduce myself as the Chief Executive Officer of Nuffield

International. Nuffield Farming Scholarships has been selecting Scholars for over 70 years. It is the leading program for agriculturalists which identifies new leaders in industry and the community.

Nuffield is also part of a global network of over 1,700 Scholars from eleven other countries. Scholars represent many rural industries who are committed to their industry sector and are engaged with their regions and communities.



JIM GELTCH
*Chief Executive Officer,
Nuffield International*

Are you

- Between 25 and 45 years old and involved in farming/agribusiness as your primary occupation?
- Dedicated to food and fibre production? Keen to join a global farming network to share knowledge?
- Conversationally fluent in English?

If so, I strongly encourage you become a part of our worldwide agricultural network and apply for this opportunity today.

The first Nuffield International Scholarship was announced in 2015 for investors wanting to offer a Scholarship across multiple geographies, or investors wanting to support a Nuffield Scholars in countries that are not current members of the Nuffield network.

We are pleased to announce that there are over 10 Nuffield International Scholarships open and we encourage farmers and agribusiness professionals to check the specific criteria for each Scholarship on the website and apply.

US \$30,000 SCHOLARSHIP

- Total travel requirement is 16 weeks over the span of 18 months, with flexibility provided.
- Visit <http://nuffieldinternational.org/scholarship.html> for the specific eligibility criteria for each Scholarship.



Considerations

The Scholar must complete a minimum 112 days of international travel, which includes the CSC, GFP and their private research. These are compulsory elements of the scholarship to maintain the value and integrity of the capacity building experience.

Scholars participate in a mentoring program, where they identify a local mentor and industry influencers to develop relationships with throughout their Scholarship period. The Scholar will submit monthly internal reports to Nuffield International to track and support their overall progress.

An important part of the Scholar's preparation will be to participate in on-line briefings and peer group planning before the CSC and GFP to ensure the detail of their requirements and responsibilities are explained in full.

All CSC arrangements will be coordinated by Nuffield International. The Scholar will have to complete some preparatory work for this conference.

The overall GFP will be administered and managed by Nuffield Australia, who will take responsibility for the itinerary and other necessary detail.

The Scholar will be responsible for organising own travel to complete their individual research component. However Nuffield International, the various Nuffield countries and the global Nuffield network will be made available to the Scholars to assist with contacts and meetings.

Nuffield International provides resources to orient the Scholar on the writing of their final report. Final reports are approved by an editing team prior to publishing on the Nuffield International website and dissemination to the wider industry.

The scholar is encouraged to develop their public communication skills, such as social media so they can share their learnings and experiences with their networks throughout the scholarship.

An integral part of the return on the financial investment made in each individual is their capacity to disseminate their information and to continue to play a leadership role in their respective industries.

Scholars should be proactive in seeking opportunities to speak at local, state, national and international conferences and organisational meetings to report on global travels, new best practices and individual study topic findings.

Completing the Scholarship program marks the beginning of the Scholars life-long commitment to positively influencing the food and farming sectors for the benefit of society through their ongoing membership to the Nuffield International Farming Network.

The end objective is to ensure that the significant investment by the investor and the capacity built in the Scholar are leveraged as much as possible to the advantage of global agriculture.



TONY PEXTON

1975 Nuffield Scholar, UK

"In 1975 I was a sheep farmer from the United Kingdom and was fortunate to be awarded a Nuffield Scholarship and traveled within England and to New Zealand to look at the sheep industry.

My travels allowed me to look at the outside world and gave me the confidence and a wider view to believe that I can do things as well as actual farming. I made changes to my sheep farm that had significant implications for my sheep management and our business. As well as changing the way that I farmed, I also began to get involved in farming politics in the United Kingdom and had a 20-year career with the National Farmers Union, including eight years as a national office holder.

Doing a Nuffield Scholarship was the second best thing I have done in my life, and the first best thing that I have done was marrying the girl that I married".



CECILIA FIALHO

2015 Nuffield International Scholar, Brazil

"One of the most significant contrasts for me was leaving India for Qatar on the GFP. From a beautiful and emerging Asian country to the third largest GDP per capita in the world and that imports almost all of the food that the population consumes. From a cultural and religious point of view, was an intense experience of searching for understanding while reserving judgment. Islam is highly criticised in many parts of the 'western world' for the treatment of women and the harshness of their laws. Personally, it is a huge privilege to be immersed into this culture (apart from the inflexibility) to observe their culture and habits. It is important to have a critical view on what happens in this country, and at the same time, I acknowledge that I am not qualified to judge them. We can't condemn what we don't know. The Nuffield Scholarship program is a true test of the paradigms that we develop about the world and agriculture. I have never felt so stimulated to genuinely think 'out-of-the-box' and question my assumptions about so many topics and constructions of realities.