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Background:

AgriFutures Australia is a Government statutory authority, a partnership between the Australian Government and rural industries.

Our vision is to grow the long-term prosperity of Australian rural industries.

An exciting opportunity presents itself for passionate rural leaders to contribute aspirations, advice and ideas to help inform the future direction of our organisation.

AgriFutures™ RWA Alumni Advisory Panel:

The AgriFutures™ Rural Women's Award belongs to Arena 1: People and Leadership. Under Arena 1, AgriFutures has the following

Goal: To support the people driving the future prosperity of Australian rural industries and regional communities by providing them with learning opportunities and experiences.

To build prosperous and sustainable rural industries, we need rural leaders with the skills and knowledge to make informed decisions about the future of their enterprises and industries.

We believe that human capacity to drive improvements in competitiveness through the adoption of R&D outcomes and innovation is just as important as the research itself.

While new technologies, systems, processes and business models are important, people are the critical element in ensuring the growth of Australian rural industries. As such, AgriFutures Australia is committed to supporting rural people through continued investment in leadership, capacity and skills development programs.

Priorities:

- Attracting capable people into careers in agriculture
- Building the capability of future rural leaders.

The RWA Alumni Advisory Panel will not serve in an official decision-making capacity, but the recommendations and advice are taken into consideration and feedback through the RWA program.

Applicants should be aligned to our vision and should be passionate about the following agricultural themes:

- Innovative thinking
- Enhancing rural industries and regional communities
- Supporting the industry leaders of tomorrow.

Applicant skills:

Panel representatives are influencers, change agents, innovative thinkers and are interested in exploring new ways of delivering capacity building programs.

Applicants must demonstrate knowledge and examples across two or more of the following areas:

1. Specific skills

- Communication and stakeholder engagement
- Development and training
- Leadership
- Rural industries and regional communities

Application process:

All applications must be submitted via Smarty Grants. You will find the link on our website.

Time commitment:

When submitting an application, we expect you to be able to attend the meetings and events outlined in the below schedule.

Date	What	Where
Wednesday, 11 September 2019	RWA Alumni Lunch	Canberra, ACT
Wednesday, 11 September 2019	RWA Gala Dinner & National Announcement	Canberra, ACT
Wednesday, 16 & Thursday, 17 October 2019	First 2019 Advisory Panel Meeting	Canberra, ACT
March 2020	2020 Advisory Panel Meeting	Wagga Wagga, NSW
w/c Monday, 6 July 2019	AgriFutures Summit	Location TBC
September 2020	RWA Alumni Lunch	Canberra, ACT
September 2020	RWA Gala Dinner & National Announcement	Canberra, ACT

Governance:

You will be entering into a paid contract with AgriFutures Australia and must abide to the conditions set out in the AgriFutures RWA Alumni Advisory Panel Terms of Reference.

Sitting fees and reimbursements:

Daily Sitting Fee Allowances - Effective from 25 June 2018

We pay our panel members in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2018.

Sitting fee	Daily (up to five hours)	Per hour
Member	\$686.00	\$137.20 (max five hour claim per day)

Travel time and reimbursements:

Effective from 25 June 2018

Panel members can claim up to five hours of official travel time the day before and after a panel meeting only.

Reimbursements

Reasonable accommodation costs will be either reimbursed or paid for by the organisation (via the Travel Provider). No reimbursement will be made for accommodation at Private Non-Commercial Accommodation.

Reasonable cost of meals, taxis, parking and any relevant incidentals will be reimbursed or paid by the organisation upon receipt of a tax invoice.

Original receipts must be provided for all expenditure and attached to the tax invoice. Where a sitting fee is applicable to a Panel member, this will be paid in accordance with the ATO Reasonable Rates Schedule.

Kilometre Rates – Effective 25 June 2018

Engine Capacity (cc)	Rate per km (cents)
Small car	68
Medium car	68
Large car	68

Term:

The RWA Alumni Advisory Panel term will be 12-18 months.

Key dates:

Monday, 24 June 2019 at 8.00am AEST	Online applications open
Sunday, 14 July 2019 at 11.00pm AEST	Online applications close
August 2019	Successful Alumni Advisory Panel members informed.
Wednesday, 11 September 2019	Alumni Advisory Panel will be publically announced at the RWA Alumni Lunch.

More information:

If you would like more information about AgriFutures Australia, please review the following documents on our website:

AgriFutures Australia Strategic R&D Plan 2017-2022

AgriFutures Australia 2017-18 Annual Report

AgriFutures Australia Annual Operational Plan 2019-20

AgriFutures Australia Program Advisory Panel Terms of Reference

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