



AgriFutures™
Horizon
Scholarship

STUDENT TERMS
2018 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHAT THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES

The AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarship provides a \$5,000 cash payment to successful scholars to assist with costs associated with studying (textbooks, incidental expenses cost of living etc).

The scholarship also provides additional funding to assist with travel and accommodation associated with the annual Horizon Workshop and two weeks of industry placement that is to be fulfilled each year.

The scholarship is available for the first two years of a scholar's relevant undergraduate degree, or in the case of a Westpac sponsorship – the final two years of a scholar's undergraduate degree.

If a scholar wants to change their degree and still retain the scholarship, approval must be applied for in writing to AgriFutures Australia before any formal change in study. AgriFutures Australia will review each request on a case by case basis.

If any semester study is undertaken below or above full time enrolment, approval must be applied for in writing to be reviewed by AgriFutures Australia. Scholars will then be advised of the affect this change will have on the Scholarship.

It is each scholar's responsibility to declare to Centrelink any scholarships you are awarded.

The Australian Tax Office has a "Is your scholarship taxable?" tool on their website to assist scholar's to determine if their scholarship is taxable. For expert advice contact the Australian Taxation Office or an accountant.

CONDITIONS TO BE MET TO KEEP YOUR SCHOLARSHIP

To retain eligibility for a Horizon Scholarship you must:

- 1) Unless there are **exceptional circumstances**:
 - Remain enrolled in your relevant undergraduate degree
 - Maintain a full time enrolment. If any study is undertaken below or above full time enrolment in a semester (including summer and winter sessions), you are required to seek approval from AgriFutures Australia
 - Remain eligible for a Commonwealth Supported place at the University (this means you must be an Australian citizen or the holder of an Australian Permanent Humanitarian or Permanent Resident visa) and be residing in Australia
 - Achieve a credit average standard of academic progress. Academic monitoring of scholarship recipients will occur each semester. If you fail one or more units, you are required to contact AgriFutures Australia immediately



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- Make every endeavour to attend the annual Horizon Workshop (week commencing 2 July 2018). Dates are determined by university holiday dates for the majority of scholars. Reasonable costs associated with travel and accommodation will be covered by AgriFutures Australia
 - Complete two weeks of work placement at locations and organisations approved by AgriFutures Australia and your sponsor. Reasonable costs associated with travel and accommodation will be covered by AgriFutures Australia
 - A living allowance of \$250/week¹ pro rata for work placement will also be paid for approved placements
- 2) A leave of absence from study may be permitted, but prior permission must be sought from AgriFutures Australia via a formal written request
 - 3) A student who withdraws from their units or course of study or is terminated from studies will become ineligible for continuation of the scholarship and will be required to repay to the university any stipend awarded for that study period
 - 4) The Horizon Scholarship has been awarded for your selected undergraduate degree and university and is not transferable into any other course or university without prior written permission from AgriFutures Australia.

Unless there are **exceptional circumstances**, a recipient with unsatisfactory progress or who breaches the scholarship conditions shall be ineligible to retain the scholarship. If a student does not meet all the conditions outlined they may be placed once on breached status which would provide an opportunity for the student to improve their grades in the next semester exams. This opportunity would occur only once during the duration of the scholarship.

Exceptional circumstances must be forwarded to and shall be at the discretion of AgriFutures Australia. Supporting original documentation (e.g. medical certificate) may be requested.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

- Recipients may apply for or receive other industry sponsored scholarships whilst receiving the AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarship, but must inform AgriFutures Australia.
- All applicants of the 2018 AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarship are required to accept the Horizon Terms and Conditions and commit to all activities and reporting requirements of the program. This includes;
 - Submitting academic progress reports within one month after the end of each semester in accordance with the University's normal procedures
 - Submitting progress reports at the conclusion of each year, completing two weeks of industry placements annually, attending the annual Horizon

¹ Aligned with current ATO policies: <https://atotaltaxrates.info/allowances/lafha/>



Workshop and actively participating in communication with sponsors and AgriFutures Australia.

PAYMENTS

The scholarship will commence from Semester 1 each year.

Except in the case of a Westpac-sponsored student, payments will be processed once;

1. The scholarship contract has been signed by all parties, and
2. The external funder (sponsor) has paid their invoice, and the University has provided an invoice for payment. Cash payments of \$5,000 will be paid to the student's nominated bank account in semester one of each year from the relevant university.

For any student sponsored by Westpac, these funds will be paid directly into a Westpac account (existing or new), once the scholarship contract has been signed by all parties.

Cash payments are based on fulltime enrolment each semester.



SCHOLARSHIP PRE-ACCEPTANCE

- I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions governing the AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarship and I agree to abide by these conditions and obligations outlined therein if I am awarded the 2018 AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarship.
- I am an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
- When applying for the AgriFutures Horizon Scholarship, I have had a maximum two year gap between completing Year 12 and commencing university study, and have not previously undertaken tertiary study.
- I understand that if I fail to meet my obligations as outlined in the Terms and Conditions or change any of my course information without prior approval from AgriFutures Australia, I risk my scholarship being terminated. Should this occur, I understand I will not be eligible to receive the yearly cash payment for the remainder of my studies with the university.
- I understand and agree that details relating to my enrolment, academic record, examination results and academic status will be made available to AgriFutures Australia for the purposes of on-going scholarship administration.
- I acknowledge that none of my past and future actions will cause embarrassment to, or bring the Scholarship and relevant agencies into disrepute, and commit to comply with all relevant laws and AgriFutures Australia values whilst fulfilling all obligations of the scholarship.
- I grant the University, AgriFutures Australia and my sponsor permission to:
 1. Use photographs and videos of myself in its publicity material to promote the AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarship. I also give permission for AgriFutures Australia and my sponsor to use in its publicity material, information about me which is contained in my program application form and progress reports, and provided to the panel during my interview. Publicity material includes, but is not limited to, media releases, newsletters, newspaper articles, annual reports, newsletters, audio interviews, website and social media accounts.
 2. I agree for my contact details to be provided to AgriFutures Australia and my sponsor who will coordinate any potential contact between myself and journalists.
 3. I give AgriFutures Australia permission to contact my university to receive information about my academic results to ensure I am fulfilling the requirements of my selected degree, and provide this information where necessary to my sponsor.
- I have read the AgriFutures Australia privacy policy and consent to my personal information being collected, held, used and disclosed in the manner and for the purposes stated there. (<http://www.agrifutures.com.au/privacy-statement/>)