



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry

**2012 Science and Innovation Awards for
Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

APPLICATION FORM

Applications close at 5.00pm AEDT Friday 18 November 2011

Applicants must read the ***2012 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – Information for Applicants*** prior to completing this form

Frequently asked questions and tips for completing this Application Form are available at **www.abares.gov.au/scienceawards**

For further information

Visit: www.abares.gov.au/scienceawards

Email: scienceawards@daff.gov.au

Phone: 02 6272 2260 / 3051 / 2303



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please review and complete the following checklist, before proceeding with this application.

Read the *2012 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Information for Applicants* (available at www.abares.gov.au/scienceawards) for further information regarding eligibility, specific project requirements and lodgement details.

1. Will you be aged between 18 and 35 years (inclusive) on 18 November 2011? Yes No
2. Are you an Australian citizen, or permanent resident of Australia? Yes No
3. Is your project related to an innovative or emerging scientific issue, including biophysical and social sciences, in an agriculture, fisheries or forestry related industry? Yes No
4. Does your project demonstrate dedication to the future of rural and regional industries with a commitment to promoting science and innovation as an integral part of that future? Yes No
5. Is your project budget a maximum of \$22,000 (incl GST) for the Industry Award? Yes No
6. Will your project be completed within 12 months from the date of grant payment? Yes No
7. Will your project commence after the announcement of Award winners (as a general guide, projects should not commence before 5 March 2012)? Yes No
8. Can you confirm that your proposed project has not received funding of any kind from a Commonwealth Government department, or elsewhere? Yes No
9. Please confirm that you are not currently employed by the Commonwealth and/or by an Award sponsor. Yes No

Double click the grey check box and select "checked" from the menu box

If you have answered "No" to any of the above questions, you are not eligible for the 2012 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

If in doubt, contact the Science Awards Manager at scienceawards@daff.gov.au or 02 6272 2260 to discuss your eligibility.



SECTION A – PERSONAL DETAILS

Please complete all details below

Title	First name	Surname
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Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Gender (M/F)
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Postal address		
City	State	P/code

Home address		
City	State	P/code

Phone (B/H)	Phone (A/H)	Mobile
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Email address

Occupation

Current employer

Period in current employment (yrs/months)
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Employer's address		
City	State	P/code

ABN (if applicable)

GST Status (if you, or your employer, is registered for GST)

Citizenship (please tick appropriate option)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an Australian Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a permanent resident of Australia



SECTION B – INDUSTRY AWARD CATEGORY

Please nominate your Industry Award category (tick one box only). If you wish to apply for more than one category, you must submit a separate application.

Award	Award sponsor
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal welfare	Australian Animal Welfare Strategy
<input type="checkbox"/> Red meat processing	Australian Meat Processor Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/> Pork	Australian Pork Ltd
<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton	Cotton Research and Development Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy	Dairy Australia
<input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries and aquaculture	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	Forest and Wood Products Australia
<input type="checkbox"/> Grains	Grains Research and Development Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/> Viticulture and oenology	Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture	Horticulture Australia Ltd
<input type="checkbox"/> New and emerging rural industries	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

Double click the grey check box and select "checked" from the menu box

SECTION C – PROJECT PROPOSAL

Please describe the proposed project for which the grant will be applied, in plain English (please limit use of technical language where possible).

If successful, the applicable period of the grant is 12 months from Award and therefore the timeframe for the Project described below should focus on activities proposed to be conducted by you during this 12-month period.

Please do not exceed four pages in total excluding the project costing table. In completing this section, you should adhere to the structure outlined below.

1. Project Title (maximum 20 words)



2. Overview of the Project (maximum 100 words)

3. Objectives of the Project (maximum two pages)

- a. Why is this Project needed / important?
- b. How is the Project different or distinct (e.g. from current methods being used by industry)?
- c. What are the anticipated benefits the Project will bring to your industry?
- d. What are the anticipated benefits the Project will offer you personally?

4. Full description of the Project

- a. What activities will be conducted by you as part of the Project? **(maximum one page)**

- b. What are the proposed timeframes and key milestones applicable to the conduct of the Project?

Milestone/Activity	Start/End dates*

*Project should start no earlier than 6 March 2012 and be completed within 12 months.
Add more lines as required

5. Knowledge sharing (maximum half page)



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Outline your plans for sharing your knowledge and experience gained as a result of conducting the Project, including details of the target audience(s) relevant to your industry.

6. Project Costing

Please provide a detailed costing of your proposed Project (not to exceed \$22,000 including GST) including, where relevant, specialised equipment, travel costs, accommodation, printing, publication and conference costs (note: anticipated costs must be inclusive of GST).

Please be as specific as possible, e.g. pipettes (100 @ \$2 each); return airfare to Hobart for industry meeting (\$320 return); car hire for travel to Orange (4 days at \$69/day); two nights at Orange (\$180/night); A4 colour flyer, 500 copies (\$300 total); 2010 Climate Summit, 8-10 November 2010 (\$1200 registration).

In completing this table ensure that accurate figures are entered into the GST and non GST columns and that the totals are correct.

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST (excl GST)	GST (if appl)	TOTAL COST (incl GST)
Equipment			
Travel			
Accommodation			
Printing			
Publication			
Conferences			
Other			
TOTAL PROJECT COST (incl GST)* <i>(must not exceed \$22,000 incl GST)</i>			\$

* **Ensure that your cost (excl gst) and total cost (inc gst) columns reconcile.**
 *Successful applicants will be paid the amount specified as the Total Project Cost, not exceeding \$22,000 incl GST
 * If you, or your employer, are not registered for GST, then you will only be paid the amount specified as the Total Project Cost excluding GST

Add more lines as required



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SECTION D – PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Please provide a brief summary of your achievements to date (in dot point) related to your work, studies or rural community involvement. This may be in the form of your curriculum vitae. (Please do not exceed two pages in total).



SECTION E – REFEREE REPORTS

Referees should be currently working, or have recently worked, in a related scientific or technological field and must be familiar with your project proposal.

REFEREE ONE

Applicant name	
Relationship to applicant	

1. A short paragraph supporting this application as one that would benefit the particular industry:

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2. A short paragraph confirming the applicant's ability to communicate and extend innovative ideas, particularly in the context of practically applying scientific advances for the benefit of rural and regional industries:

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Referee name	Referee signature
Daytime phone	Email



REFEREE TWO

Applicant name	
Relationship to applicant	

1. A short paragraph supporting this application as one that would benefit the particular industry:

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2. A short paragraph confirming the applicant's ability to communicate and extend innovative ideas, particularly in the context of practically applying scientific advances for the benefit of rural and regional industries:

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Referee name	Referee signature
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SECTION F – PRIVACY

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and through the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) as coordinator of the Science Awards program, will take reasonable measures to ensure that personal information provided in your application is stored in a secure manner.

Personal information will be used by for the purposes of assessing and verifying applications and for administering the Award process. This may include disclosure of your personal information to contractors engaged by ABARES, as well as other persons as is necessary to assess and verify the information provided (including sponsoring organisations as well as nominated referees). You hereby consent to such disclosure.

If you are successful, your biography and photographs will be used for promotional purposes related to the Awards, including media releases and other promotional material, as well as inclusion on the ABARES and sponsors' websites.

Applicants should also be aware that if they are successful, Commonwealth policy requires the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to publish information on its website about the applicant, including, but not limited to:

- Name of the person receiving the grant;
- Amount of funding received;
- Term of the grant;
- Funding location.

By submitting this application for funding, you consent to publication of the above information by the department, if you are awarded funding.

Yes

No

Please contact us if you require further information or have any queries regarding the use of your personal information.



SECTION G – DECLARATION

By signing below, I acknowledge that:

- I have read and understood the *2012 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Information for Applicants*
- The information provided in this application is true and correct¹.

Dated this day of 2011

Signature of applicant

Signature of witness

Name of applicant (print)

Name of witness (print)

Note: witnesses must be over 18 years old and not related to the applicant.

¹ Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).



SECTION H – FEEDBACK (optional)

We would appreciate knowing how you found out about the 2012 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Note that this section is optional and does not form part of your application or assessment. You may opt to leave it blank.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Newspaper | Name of paper | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Social media | ABARES Twitter or Facebook | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Website | Website address | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Award sponsor | Information from Award sponsor (name) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Email newsletter | Details of email newsletter/sender | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | Please specify | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Radio/TV station | Name of radio/TV station | _____ |

SECTION I – APPLICATION LODGEMENT

Applicants are to:

- Email their completed application form to scienceawards@daff.gov.au.
- AND mail one original, signed hardcopy application to the details below.

Applications must be received by 5.00pm AEDT Friday 18 November 2011

Send by post to:

Maree Finnegan
 Science Awards Manager
 DAFF
 GPO Box 1563
 CANBERRA ACT 2601

Send by courier to:

Maree Finnegan
 Science Awards Manager
 DAFF
 18 Marcus Clarke Street
 CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

*Couriers - please call extensions 2260, 2303 or 3051 at reception

Thank you for your time and interest in applying for the 2012 Science and Innovation Awards.