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Nuffield Farming Scholarship applications open

Candidates can apply for coveted scholarships from 13 January, with around 20 awarded each year

Applications open tomorrow (13 January) for the 2022 cohort of Nuffield Farming Scholars, and will remain open until 31 July.

Candidates are welcomed from those working across the farming, food, horticulture, rural or associated industries. With around 20 scholarships awarded each year, successful applicants are provided a substantial bursary to fund travel to study their chosen topic.

Additional funding is also available for scholars to attend the Contemporary Scholar's Conference, training sessions and other events.

Applications should be made on the Trust's [website](#), and for those interested in learning more about the scholarship and the application process, an informal,

non-obligatory introductory session will be held at 6.30pm on 13 January.

The introductory event will be hosted by Nuffield alumni officer Charlotte Merson and 2019 scholar Sarah Pick. To register for this free session, prospective scholars should email charlotte@nuffieldscholar.org.

Mike Vacher, director of the Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust, said: "Nuffield Farming Scholarships provide a unique opportunity within the food and farming industry. Not only do scholars undertake an in-depth, global study about a chosen topic, but they are also in a unique position of influence to share these findings with the wider agricultural community and show the way forward.

"This opportunity provides the foundation for scholars to both succeed in their own business as well as impact the wider industry.



The 2020 Nuffield Scholar group at the 2019 Nuffield Farming Conference in Kenilworth, Warwickshire

"Nuffield Farming fosters the careful development of future leaders, who will be vital as the industry explores opportunities and meets the challenges that exist outside of the EU.

"In light of the uncertainty surrounding travel and other restrictions, the trust will continue support scholars to ensure they are able to make the most of this opportunity and produce the high-quality work that has come to be expected of this experience."

The trust added: "A Nuffield Farming Scholarship is considered an investment in the personal development and knowledge of the scholar, as well as that of their respective industry. By sharing their findings and experiences, scholars bring fresh insight and ideas that inspire change and drive the industry forward."

Candidates are encouraged to begin the application process well ahead of the 31 July deadline, and the Nuffield Farming office is able to connect applicants with existing scholars who can provide support and advice about applying.

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must work within the farming, food, horticulture, rural and associated industries or are in a position to influence these industries.

- Applicants must be aged between 22 and 45 years (the upper age limit is 45 on 31st July in the year of application).

- There is no requirement for academic qualifications.

- Applicants should be well-established in their career, demonstrate a passion for the industry they work in and be three years post-tertiary education.

- Candidates must be resident in the UK and hold a UK passport or be working directly for UK agriculture.

- The trust seeks people with very special qualities.

- Scholarships are not awarded to anyone in full-time education or to further research projects.

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