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Nuffield scholarship a life-changing opportunity – Applications open 1 April 2010

Primary producers with a passion for the future of their industry are urged to apply for a prestigious Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarship to investigate an issue they believe is crucial to improving agricultural performance and profitability.

Applications are now open for scholarships in 2011 and will close on 30 June, 2010. Winners will be announced in October 2010. Scholarships are for primary producers aged 28 to 40 years, although applications outside this range may be considered.

Each scholarship is valued at \$28,000, sponsored by major agribusiness and industry groups across Australia. All scholars take part in a six week Global Focus Program, with up to 10 weeks of individual travel to investigate a topic of their choice.

Scholars say it has been a life changing experience, building self-confidence and decision-making skills and introducing them to a network of leading primary producers and agricultural leaders around the world.

Nuffield Australia chairman David Brownhill says personal growth is a huge benefit of the program. Its primary aim is to improve the skills of Australian primary producers, provide a global perspective of agriculture and help scholars bring back new ideas and strategies for the benefit of both individual scholars, and their respective industries.

Recent scholars have been drawn from a wide pool of primary industries and include grain and rice growers, fishers and aquaculturist, chicken, beef, lamb, goat and pork producers, woolgrowers, dairy farmers, apiarists, orchardists, horticulturalists and vignerons. Study topics have varied from the basics of production such as soil, water, crop varieties, weeds and disease to production systems, new technologies, natural resource management, biofuels, carbon trading, supply systems, marketing and public relations.

Scholars are selected for their farming and leadership capabilities, and potential to make a valuable contribution to the future of Australian agriculture. They join a growing international network of scholars, which has more than 200 members in Australia and 1300 members worldwide.

Application forms are available from Nuffield Australia on 03 5480 0755, via email, enquiries@nuffield.com.au, or from the website www.nuffield.com.au.

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Some Nuffield Facts:

- Program first established: 1947, United Kingdom
- First Australian Scholar: 1950
- Countries participating in program today: Australian, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, France and Canada
- Total number of Australian Scholarships awarded since 1950: 238
- Australian scholarships awarded by state: New South Wales 51, Northern Territory 10, Queensland 34, South Australia 41, Tasmania 24, Victoria 37, Western Australia 41.

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