

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Eligibility

- Applications must be made in the name of student. Once an award has been offered it cannot be transferred to another student.
- The student applicants are normally expected to be undergraduates on a degree course in science, agriculture, veterinary medicine, animal science or related discipline.
- Students take up the award during the summer vacation before their final year. Students carrying out a three-year undergraduate course are eligible in their second year of study. Students carrying out four-year course are eligible in their second or third years of study.
- Post-doctoral students are able to apply for sponsorship for a student, but a letter of support from their PI must be included in their application.

Application content

- The grant proposal submitted would be within the remit of dairy research and must not form part of the student's normal degree work.
- Preference will be given to research projects with a clearly defined objective, achievable in the time available, and which give the student scope for thought and initiative.
- Applications must contain information on the day-to-day level of support given to the student.

Support for the student

- Universities and institutions are strongly encouraged to support the studentships by providing supervision of the student along with consumables and other support.
- The host institution is responsible for providing adequate facilities and for ensuring that all necessary requirements of regulatory authorities and ethical committee approvals are in place before the work begins and are maintained for the duration of the award.

Applications and awarding funding

- This studentship scheme is competitive and the assessment will be made primarily on the quality of the experience that will be given to the student, on the suitability of the named student, and on the content of the research project.
- Applications will be assessed by the HDRF Awards Panel, which will take advice where necessary from expert referees.
- Awards are made to the institution to which the applicant belongs, not to the supervisor, on the understanding that it will administer the award.
- The supervisor is responsible for the conduct of the research and the provision of a final report by the student.

Once the Awarded has been made

It is a condition of the Award that the student subsequently submits a report that can be uploaded onto the HDRF website summarising:

- The aims of the project
- Description of work
- Assessment of results and outcomes of studentship
- Future directions in which the project could be taken
- Departures from original proposal
- Value of studentship to the student and to the lab
- Photos of the student and supervisor with any others (or images) of relevant lab work or results.

N.B. The report should not exceed 2,000 words.

Students are also encouraged to write a blog about their placement, and to regularly update the Foundation on their work using social media or via email.