

NUFFIELD FARMING SCHOLARSHIPS 2009 FRANK ARDEN MEMORIAL AWARD



The appliance of NEW SCIENCE to transform the UK agri-food sector

The Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust (NFST) is pleased to announce a special award offering leading individuals the chance to carry out a unique study into new science and frontier technologies which have the potential to transform the UK agriculture and food sectors.

New science and innovative technologies are being developed at all levels of the food supply chain - from ultra rapid genetic analysis and elite genotypes at the farm level, right through to novel, high value food products to address society's nutritional challenges. But many of these opportunities remain untapped or underutilised.

The aim of this special award - to study 'The appliance of new science and frontier technologies to transform the UK agriculture and food sectors' - is to identify the technologies which could prove of most value, and explore how best industry can access and apply them to both differentiate and significantly improve the competitiveness of the UK agri-food sectors.

"We believe this new study will be of immense importance in bridging the gap between the laboratory and the field or factory, and in identifying new relationships across the UK food chain," says John Stones, NFST Director. "There is also much to gain from bringing together the country's strengths in agri-food science in the context of our own unique environment and land resource, and our own challenges of sustainability and food security."



Applications close on 22nd May 2009

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- This special award is generously sponsored by the **FRANK ARDEN MEMORIAL FUND** established specifically to support studies that address key topics of importance to the UK agricultural industry. Study themes are set on a bi-annual basis.
- The bursary provided by the memorial fund allows for reasonable research and travel expenses, both in the UK and abroad.
- The award is open to UK residents working in the fields of food, farming or forestry. There is no age limit.
- Applicants are required to submit a proposal outlining their scheme of study, together with how they intend to act on their findings. (Submissions should be presented on one side of A4.)
- The closing date for applications is 22nd May 2009. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held in June 2009.
- Successful applicants should plan to complete their study report by spring 2010 for presentation at a major industry conference in the same year.