



**‘THE NUFFIELD EXPERIENCE’
- DON’T MISS OUT ON THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME**

Don’t miss out on the chance of a lifetime - the chance to take part in the unique ‘Nuffield experience’ that can bring benefits to yourself as well as your industry.

Nuffield Farming Scholarships are on the lookout for people who are passionate about farming, food or rural industries, and are ready to step out of their comfort zone to take a look on the global stage.

Improved levels of communication have brought a mountain of additional management and technical information to our food and agribusiness fingertips. But vital, bankable information that can help our businesses cope with change and succeed in the future is still at a premium.

According to John Stones, Director Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust (NFST), the ‘Nuffield experience’ can offer that much needed ‘other dimension’, offering fresh ideas and specialist knowledge gained through overseas travel and study.

“Agriculture is a worldwide business with lessons and opportunities that can be taken from all corners of the globe,” says John. “Just as our first Scholars came back with new ideas some 60 years ago, so today’s Scholars return with new thinking, thought provoking solutions and innovative practices in all areas of food and farming to the benefit of themselves, as well as their industry.

“As a result, many past Scholars have added considerable value to their own businesses or profession through simply changing the way they work, or radically changing their business structure, and even starting up brand new businesses, thanks to Nuffield.

“Our most recently returned group of Scholars is no different, with many already engaged in change in their quest for a more profitable future - from setting up their own consultancy businesses in dairy nutrition and animal waste, to investment in ground-breaking ‘crops to biogas’ pilot plant, from the launch of a new pig meat marketing company based on provenance, to developing the Single National Database for cattle.”

His message is clear: “Don’t miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime - the chance to break free from your everyday experience, to travel the globe and expand your horizons, to pursue new ideas, methods and technologies, and to make a real difference to your life, your business and even your industry.”

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The NFST awards around 20 Scholarships each year, providing travel and subsistence costs for a period of eight weeks in return for a written paper and the presentation of study findings at its annual Winter Conference.

Scholars require no pre-requisite qualifications other than vision, enthusiasm and a determination to study a subject they feel passionate about. If you are involved in farming, rural industry or the food chain, and feel it's time to step back and take a look at the bigger picture on a worldwide scale, then a Nuffield Farming Scholarship Award could be just the challenge you need. Applicants must be aged 23 to 45 years old.

Individual application forms for a Scholarship can be downloaded from the Nuffield website at www.nuffieldscholar.org. Individuals interested in applying, but requiring further information, are also invited to contact John Stones on Tel. 01858 555544 (Email. nuffielldirector@aol.com).

Applications for the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship programme will be taken up to the 15th November 2009 deadline, with shortlisted candidates being invited to attend an interview in London in late January 2010.

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Notes to Editor:

- Nuffield Farming Scholarships invite enthusiastic individuals to explore topics of their own choice in agriculture, land management, horticulture or the food chain. They are dedicated to developing leadership in farming and the rural industries, and are recognised for the opportunities they provide to identify new knowledge and to apply it to practical and profitable industry outputs.
- Funded by the agriculture and food industry, charities and trusts with agricultural objectives, together with past Scholars themselves, the Trust presents around 20 awards each year to enthusiastic people who are aged between 23 to 45 years (inclusive), and who fulfil the criteria laid down by the Trust.
- Scholarships are awarded by a special Selection Committee that interviews a shortlist of candidates during January of each year.
- Founded in 1943, the Nuffield name and emblem (a bull riding a bicycle) both derive from the original benefactor, the late Lord Nuffield (William Morris). The Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust (NFST) was subsequently established in 1947. The NFST is registered as a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, following its incorporation in July 2003.
- The UK Trust forms part of a much wider Nuffield organisation operating in Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland and Zimbabwe, where there are similar Nuffield groups sharing the same aims and objectives. Today, the Nuffield network runs to some 600 Scholars in the UK and 1,000 worldwide.

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