

### **Australian Banana Growers' Council Mort Johnston Scholarship**

Established in 2016 by the annual donation from Australian Banana Growers' Council (ABGC) in honour of the late Mort Johnson. The purpose of this scholarship is to support students with a strong interest and potential involvement with the Australian Banana industry in their third or fourth (honours) year of studies at the University of Queensland.

#### **1. Definitions**

In these rules:

**Head** means the Head of School, School of Agriculture and Food Sciences;

**School** means School of Agriculture and Food Sciences

**Relevant program** means an agriculture or agricultural related undergraduate degree;

**Scholarship** means the Australian Banana Growers' Council Mort Johnston Scholarship;

**Satisfactory academic performance** means GPA of 4 on a 7 point scale or an endorsement from the honours project supervisor.

#### **2. Award and value of scholarship**

(1) The School will award a scholarship annually on the recommendation of the Head.

(2) The value of the scholarship is \$5,000

(3) The funds will be paid in two instalments:

(a) First instalment at the commencement of the scholarship.

(b) Second instalment at mid-year of the academic calendar on basis of compliance to condition stated in section 5(1).

#### **3. Eligibility for award**

An applicant is eligible for the scholarship, if the applicant –

(a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and

(b) is enrolled full-time and has

a completed at least 32 units of the relevant program; or

b has commenced enrolment in honours year in the relevant program; and

(c) is an Australian citizen or a permanent resident; and

(d) holds a class C drivers licence; and

(e) does not hold another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.

#### **4. Selection of award**

(1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising-

(a) the Head, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and

(b) one representative of the Australian Banana Growers' Council; and

(c) academic staff members (max. of two) currently teaching in the relevant program/s,

(2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by-

- (a) academic achievement in the most recent year's results of the relevant program; and
  - (b) personal qualities, including leadership potential; and
  - (c) strength of interest that the applicant demonstrates in completing at least one period of vacation employment at ABGC affiliated farms; and
  - (d) demonstrated an interest and capacity to make a worthwhile contribution to the development of the Australian banana industry
  - (e) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the environmental science profession.
- (3) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants, and higher preference is given to section 4(2: b-d).

## **5. Conditions for scholarship**

- (1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for one year, subject to the recipient -
- (a) Continuing to be enrolled full-time in the relevant program; and
  - (b) Maintains at least satisfactory academic performance in the relevant program.
  - (c) Conducting themselves in a professional manner while performing any ambassadorial role or vacation employment.
  - (d) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 5(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head, why the scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (2) Requirements to fulfil the conditions of the Mort Johnston Scholarship
- Work experience will be carried out in a North Queensland banana business. Australian Banana Growers' Council (ABGC) will assist the student with finding a placement.
  - The student will be expected to use the stipend from the Mort Johnston Scholarship to assist with their travel, accommodation and living costs. The work experience is paid work experience which will contribute to the cost of being in North Queensland.
  - The reporting required:
    - (a) a short written report (no more than 4 pages) on the main learnings from their work experience to ABGC (noting areas where there is opportunity for a young person coming into the industry); and
    - (b) a short video on why the banana industry has a strong future. The video should be around 3 minutes long and can be shot on mobile device. Ask to see examples from ABGC; and
    - (c) participating in an interview for publication in *Australian Bananas* magazine and UQ media; and
    - (d) acknowledging the support of the Mort Johnston Scholarship and the ABGC in all printed material.