

NFU MUTUAL CHARITABLE TRUST CENTENARY AWARD 2021



Making a real difference to the future of agriculture

APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2021

ELIGIBILITY FACTORS

- Applications should be made from students who have been offered, or have applied for, a place on a Masters or PhD postgraduate course in Agriculture, commencing Autumn 2021, at an institution in the British Islands*.
- Applicants must have gained (or be expected to gain at the time of application) at least a 2:1 or first class degree in agriculture, or a related degree subject.
- Applicants must study at least one of the following three areas of interest as the main part of their course: sustainable agriculture and climate change, international agricultural development, and the application of science and innovative technology to the agricultural industry.

COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

- Application forms must be submitted via e-mail.
- Application forms must be completed with concise details and must not exceed the stated word count (where specified).
- Applications will not be accepted after the closing date – 30th April 2021.
- The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust will confirm receipt of all applications by e-mail.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

- A committee from the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust will assess the applications and will request to interview shortlisted candidates during June 2021.
- The committee will be looking to award students who demonstrate a desire to make a difference to UK agriculture; individuals who have a real passion for the industry.

- Applicants are required to demonstrate the ways in which they could be a future leader within UK agriculture, and how their postgraduate course will help them with their career aspirations.
- It is expected that around three students will be selected for the Centenary Award in 2021.
- The decision of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust is final.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

- All students receiving a bursary will be asked to write a report on their studies at the end of their course for the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust.
- For successful students the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust will pay up to 75% of annual course fees**.
- The bursary for the course fee will be paid directly to the college or university upon confirmation that the awarded student has paid their 25% to their college/university***.
- If the duration of the awarded student's course is more than one year, bursary payments for course fees will be paid in annual instalments.
- All successful applicants will be required to sign an agreement with the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust before receiving their bursary.
- Successful applicants awaiting their degree results will be given a conditional offer of a bursary, until their degree results have been confirmed as a 2:1 or above.

QUERIES

- Any queries relating to the Centenary Award should be directed to centenary_award@nfumutual.co.uk.

* British Islands: The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey (inc Alderney, Herm and Sark), and the Isle of Man.

** 75% will be paid except in cases where the student will also receive funding from other sources which will result in more than 100% of course fees being funded, or if 75% will breach the terms of the other funders. All such cases will be agreed individually.

*** For cases where students are awarded less than 75%, the course fees will be paid directly to the college/university upon confirmation that the remainder of the course fees have been paid to the awarded student's college/university.



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