



Application guidelines for 2010 IAL Travel Fellowship Award

Sponsored by the National Program for Sustainable Irrigation

Irrigation Australia Limited (IAL) is keen to encourage and promote the development of young professionals in the irrigation industry. As part of this program, IAL is offering a travel fellowship award of \$10,000 for a young achiever working on an irrigation research or development related topic relevant to agriculture or horticulture from either the private or public sector. The sponsor of this award is the National Program for Sustainable Irrigation, a coalition of investors in sustainable irrigation research and innovation from across Australia.

Entry requirements

- Applicants will hold a relevant professional qualification
- Applicants will be under 40 years of age
- Applications addressing the key selection criteria must reach IAL by email by **Monday 17th May 2010**
- The winner will be required to:
 - complete the travel prior to May 2011
 - work with an IAL appointed mentor to further their professional development
 - prepare a concise written report for IAL and the sponsor (National Program for Sustainable Irrigation), and provide an article suitable for inclusion in IAL's quarterly journal
 - present their report at the IAL annual conference in 2011, and at least one other event, and
 - communicate their findings with the broader Australian irrigation industry.

Key Selection Criteria

The National Program for Sustainable Irrigation sponsors this award to provide an overseas travel opportunity to a young professional within the irrigation industry relevant to improving the sustainability of irrigation in

Australia. As such, applicants will need to address the following selection criteria:

1. Knowledge and understanding of the major strategic research and/or development issues facing the irrigation industry over the next 10 years and a desire to further your knowledge in a relevant discipline
2. A personal vision for the future of Australia's irrigation industry
3. Demonstrated passion for R&D or its adoption
4. Demonstrated communication skills
5. Proposed travel study tour plan indicating: the objectives of the fellowship including its significance in light of the strategic issues identified in (2) above.
6. The proposed itinerary, including provision for travel to the award presentation in Sydney and at least one other event in Australia to be nominated.
7. Expected research and development outcomes/benefits from the travel fellowship
8. Estimated costs including any other funding sources proposed, although these are not necessary.
9. Proposed plan for communicating outcomes learnt from the travel fellowship to the irrigation industry and irrigation science community.
10. List 3 referees and contact numbers
11. Photocopy of driver's licence or other proof of age.

Applications should address the above criteria & be no more than 8 pages, including a one page CV.

More information on the National Program for Sustainable Irrigation can be found on www.npsi.gov.au and IAL <http://www.irrigation.org.au/>

Selection of Award Winner

The winner will be selected by a panel comprising one representative of NPSI and two people nominated by IAL. The award will be presented in Sydney during the IAL conference 8-10 June.

Submit applications by COB Monday 17th May 2010 to:

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