

# John Dillion Memorial Fellowship

## Guidelines

### Background

Established in 2002 in recognition of Professor John L Dillon's life-long commitment to agricultural research, the John Dillon Fellowship (JDF) supports the professional development of outstanding mid-senior career agricultural scientists, economists and researchers.

From 2019, the JDF takes on two forms:

1. a professional development program for a group of up to 15 individual fellows, and;
2. i-JDF-Pacific, a brand new, innovative institutional program that provides support for the training of up to 15 fellows from a group of institutions in the Pacific region.

Fellows, who are from ACIAR partner countries and Australia may be currently taking part in or have recently worked on an ACIAR research project, take part in a blended learning experience of intensive professional training courses, visits to relevant Australian institutions, and exposure to relevant industry professionals to expand their network. The program aims to develop management and leadership skills for mid-senior career agricultural researchers and managers.

### Key features

The fellowship program is developed in consultation with the fellows' institution to address organizational needs strategically. The program learning outcomes will contribute to the success of long-term organizational priorities and includes:

- A four-six -week residential stay in Australia, including one-week of institutional hosting
- Formal training delivered across leadership, policy, program management, research management and financial/ budget areas
- A structured program of visits engages with various Australian institutions across government, public and private sectors
- Exposure to relevant researchers, industry experts and professionals to develop the fellows' network and Australian linkages.

Applications must clearly show how the applicant's leadership skills will be developed and how their employer will support the applicant to use these skills.

Fellows will be selected by the ACIAR Training Committee, taking into account the following:

- The applicant must be associated with ACIAR bilateral or multilateral projects that are either active or completed in the last 24 months
- Demonstrated personal attributes, commitments and enthusiasm for capacity development in research management and leadership
- IELTS minimum band score of 5, with 5.5 in speaking (*highly recommended*)
- Written recommendation of employer
- Demonstrated leadership capability
- Level of employment

Please send your completed application form, including your CV, copy of your valid passport, and letter of recommendation from your employer to [Kathryn.Allan@aciarc.gov.au](mailto:Kathryn.Allan@aciarc.gov.au) by **22/07/2019**.

ACIAR is an equal opportunity organisation, we encourage applications from persons of diverse backgrounds to apply and do not to discriminate against any applicant for a fellowship based on age, region, sex, disability, race, or religion.

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## 1. Personal details\*

Title*	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)				
Family name* (as shown on Passport)					
Given Names (as shown on Passport)					
Preferred name (for informal communications)					
Country of citizenship					
Gender					
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)					
Passport no.*	<i>*If you are waiting for a Passport to be issued, your Passport Number should be made available as soon as possible.</i>				
Passport Expiry Date (if you are accepted into the program please ensure your passport is <b>renewed as soon as possible</b> if you have <b>less than 6 months validity</b> on your passport.)					

## 2. ACIAR project under which nomination is sought

ACIAR Project No.			
Project Title*			
Project Leader			
Project Leader Contact details* <i>please ensure you have permission to share details.</i>			
Project Start Date (dd/mm/yyyy)*		Project End Date*	
Other ACIAR project involvement*			
Research stream*			

### 3. Eligibility criteria

Are you currently residing in your country of Citizenship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Years	Months
If not, in which country are you residing?		Years	Months
Do you currently hold any other scholarship from your own or another government or sponsor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If 'Yes', provide details			

### 4. Contact details\*

#### Current residential address

Address line 1			
Address line 2			
Address line 3			
Town/City		Postal code (if any)	
State/Province/ Region			
Country			
Home phone no.		Work no.	
Mobile no.		Fax no. (if any)	
Email			

#### Mailing address (If different from your current residential address)

Address line 1			
Address line 2			
Address line 3			
Town/City		Postal code (if any)	
State/Province			
Country			

## 5. Qualifications

Please include a certified copy of your official transcript/ certificate and certified copies of English Language translations. **Any documents not in English must be translated.**

<b>Highest Qualification</b>			
Level of Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary (High School)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational, technical	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate	
Name of institution			
Country			
Language of instruction			
Status (complete/incomplete)		Start Date	Graduation date

## 6. Employment history

### Current employment

Position title	
Starting date (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Employing organisation	
Address of employing organisation	
Name and title of head of employing organisation	
Title of your present job	
Description of your duties and responsibilities	

## 7. English language proficiency

Is English your first language?  Yes  No

If 'No', please answer the following:

Was English the language of your secondary/high school or tertiary studies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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If 'No', please answer the following:

Have you taken an IELTS or TOEFL test?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Test	Date test taken	Score
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Give details of any English language training currently being undertaken.

**8. Special requirements**

<p>Do you identify as having a disability?          *Under Australian law, disability includes physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological, learning disabilities, physical disfigurement, and the presence in the body of disease-causing organisms.</p>	<p>Yes      No</p>
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ACIAR strongly encourages applications from people with disability who are otherwise eligible for a fellowship. Under the Disability Discrimination Act, Australian education institutions have to provide 'reasonable adjustments' to students with disability to assist access to study.

To assess the likely support needs, appropriate assistance, and the capacity of relevant institutions to provide the assistance, awardees with a disability/special need must provide details of the disability and/or special need when they accept their offer. This information is bound by Australian privacy laws and will be disclosed only for the purpose of facilitating an accessible barrier-free learning environment. Modifications to physical or learning environments, including additional educational supports such as sign interpreters and captioning, may be available depending on the relevant Institution's capacity. ACIAR will advise the Institution of any special requirements associated with a Fellow so that the Institution can pass these details to the Institution's Disability Liaison Officer prior to the Fellow's arrival.

If **yes**, please provide details if you require special assistance or equipment to participate in the selection process or to live and undertake studies in Australia for the period of the fellowship?

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Are there any special requirements which you may need to complete your visit program in Australia? Please include **dietary requirements** and **cultural considerations** (i.e. prayer room access)

Yes       No

If *yes*, please give details:

### 10. Activity in Australia

**Preferred hosting institution in Australia** (list top 3, *if applicable*, if you do not have a preferred institution one will be selected for you in liaison with your RPM and Project Leaders).

Please indicate below the top 5 Australian institutes you would like to visit and the purpose of the visit. *Please note these are not guaranteed to be included, suggestions will be taken into consideration when creating the program schedule.*

### 11. Applicant's supporting statement

**Please limit your answers to 100 words per question. Attach a page if there is not enough room.**

**a. What is your motivation for applying for the Fellowship? Please include ways in which you hope the fellowship will develop your skills.**

**b. How do you see your participation in this Fellowship benefiting your career development, specifically your leadership capacity?**

**c. How do you intend to implement the new skills you learned on the fellowship in your day-to-day work and how will you share these skills with your colleagues?**

**d. How do you think your workplace can/will support you in using your new skills following completion of the fellowship?**

**e. If selected, would you be available to take up your Fellowship in Australia during either November 2019 or February 2020?** (All the awardees will be required to visit Australia as a group during one of those time periods).

**g. Is there anything else you would like to add in support of your application for this Fellowship?**

## **12. Applicant's authorisation, agreement, declaration and signature**

**ACIAR is authorised to collect all items of information in this form under the Australian Government's scholarships program entitled *Australia Awards*, which includes John Allwright Fellowships, John Dillon Fellowships, Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships/Fellowships and Australian Development Scholarships, and is bound by the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* of the Commonwealth of Australia.**

### **Authorisation**

I authorise ACIAR, or its appointed representative, to obtain copies of any of my relevant academic records/reports from the education institution(s) that I have attended for purposes relating to my application for a John Dillon Fellowship including:

- For use in the selection process for John Dillon Fellowship; and
- To brief relevant Australian officials, Ministers and members of Parliament.

Should I receive a John Dillon Fellowship, I consent to the Australian Government using and disclosing extracts of my application (relating to my academic background and achievements, leadership skills and my proposed visit program in Australia) in promotional material in hardcopy and on the internet. Promotional material may include, but is not limited to, media releases and information circulated to ACIAR's country staff and Australian education institutions, concerning the program.

I authorise ACIAR to advise other Australian Government departments participating in the *Australia Awards* program of my scholarship application.

### **Understanding**

I understand and confirm that:

- The contents of my application are true and correct;

- ACIAR has the right to vary or reverse any decision regarding an Australian scholarship made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information; and
- Decisions of the ACIAR selection panel are final and confidential and no correspondence regarding outcomes of the selection process will be entered into.

**Agreement**

If successful in gaining a John Dillon Fellowship, I agree that I will:

- Immediately provide ACIAR with details of any incident that may reflect badly on the prestige of an Australian Scholarship;
- Act in a manner befitting a recipient of an Australian Scholarship;
- Use the funds for the purposes granted; and
- Acknowledge the assistance given by the Australian Government in any written reports, publications or publicity associated with the award.

**Declaration and acknowledgement**

I declare in submitting this application form that the information contained in it and provided in connection with this application is true and correct.

**I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* of the Commonwealth of Australia.**

Name (title, given names, family)	Signature	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)