



# East of England Agricultural Society's Scholars Programme

## What is the Scholars Programme?

The Scholars Programme aims to advance careers and aid the development of future leaders in industry through the funding of life changing continued professional development opportunities. We offer funding towards the attendance of courses, conferences and events, and encourage our applicants to think big!

Aside from the career aspect, the programme offers applicants the opportunity to develop skills and networks both personally and professionally, through mentoring opportunities and Scholar events.

Applicants can apply for up to £2000 or 80% of their course fund, whichever is lower.

## Selection Criteria

### **Who are we looking for?**

We're not looking for top 0.1%, top calibre candidates brimming with knowledge, full of presence and charisma, who are first rate communicators and technicians or practitioners of the highest level making waves in the industry; that's what we're going to produce!

### **We expect:**

**Communication skills.** Whilst we'll help you to improve, we expect you to be able to present both verbally and in writing with some confidence and style. You may have honed this through school or college, you may write in a local magazine or share social media posts demonstrating your skills. You may take an active part in your workplace, clubs or societies, giving presentations, talks, debates, or be an effective committee member or organiser.

**Enthusiasm.** We see this as a high willingness to engage, develop, and make the most of these – and any – learning experiences. The successful candidate(s) will show a level of being prepared to share knowledge and take part in East of England Agricultural Society, farming and food industry, and wider community events beyond simple willingness; they are enthusiasts.

**Preparation.** The successful candidate(s) will have prepared for their application, researched the event(s), and be able to explain why they want to attend a particular event/conference/course.

**Thirst for learning.** This will not be the first time selected candidates will have sought out learning experiences either informally or formally, whether on a large scale, or local/smaller scale.

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