

EAST OF ENGLAND
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S
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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 80% of their course fund, event ticket or trip cost.

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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SCHOLARS COMMITMENT

You will:

- At all times remember that you are a representative of the East of England Agricultural Society, the Scholars Programme, and the UK farming industry and conduct yourself as such.
- Attend the Scholar Skills Day.
- Attend future Scholars Conferences for a period of 5 years.
- Mentor a minimum of one future EEAS Scholar.
- Present your learning outcomes at:
 - a. A future EEAS Scholars Conference.
 - b. To our members and council at their AGM.
 - c. One, local, non-EEAS meeting such as YFC, Round Table, or similar meeting.
- Commit to be(come) a member of the East of England Agricultural Society.
- Be actively involved in the East of England Agricultural Society which may include:
 - a. Attending events.
 - b. Joining a committee.
 - c. Encouraging others.
- Report via social media (video/pictorial/written) and one piece in written form.
- Engage with media such as radio, television, press, online.
- Take part in EEAS Blog/podcast.

We will provide you:

- Access and exposure to world-leading learning:
 - a. Fully / part-funded place at the conference, course, event, or learning experience.
 - b. Fully / part-funded travel and accommodation for the conference, course, event, or learning experience.
- Introduction to EEAS Scholar and wider East of England Agricultural Society networks / contacts.
- Lifelong scholar network of similarly-inspired individuals.
- Scholar mentoring programme to support your learning.
- Training in presenting and other essential Scholar Skills.
- Annual Scholars Conference highlighting the latest learning/advances.

Application process:

Application windows for funding through the EEAS Scholars Programme are open and considered three times a year by a dedicated Scholars Committee.

After each closing date, they will assess and score applications using a matrix.

Those that meet the criteria and objectives of the Scholars Programme who score highly will be invited to an interview with the Scholars Committee.

Their recommendations to award funding are then advised to the EEAS Board of Trustees, who have final approval.

Closing dates each year to submit fully completed application forms can be found at

www.eastofengland.org.uk/scholars

Applications should be submitted via email to **scholars@eastofengland.org.uk**

We would encourage you to take time and properly consider what you will write on your application form.

Any financial award granted will only be paid to the event/course provider and not to the individual applicant. This is for our audit purposes as a charity.

Applications for funding are up to 80% of the cost of the course or event.

The EEAS Scholars Programme is administered by the East of England Agricultural Society, a registered charity who aims to promote agriculture and rural life in their region. There is an annual fund set aside for the Scholars Programme and applications may exceed the amount that is available.

We shall endeavour to come to a final decision as swiftly as possible following the closing date for applications and no later than 6 weeks after the closing date.

The decision of the Scholars Committee and the Board of Trustees is final.

Whilst they will endeavour to provide constructive feedback to unsuccessful applicants this is not guaranteed.

Eligibility

You must be or become a fully paid up member of the EEAS. Further more you agree to commit to the principals of being an EEAS Scholar as detailed in this information pack.

Up to two employees from corporate members may apply for funding.

You may apply as many times as you wish, though successful applicants awarded funding cannot re-apply for three years after their first award is granted.

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Application Form

Name:

Address:

Postcode: Email address:

EEAS Membership Number: Telephone Number:

Applying for:

Course/ Experience applying for:

How much funding are you applying for? Total experience cost:
Up to 80% of the cost, subject to discussion.

Have you already:-

Applied for the course/experience Your course/experience start date:

Been accepted for the course

Purchased a ticket for the course/experience

Have you applied for any other funding for the course/experience?

Please give details:

Are you employed or in full time education

Yes No

Please provide the name of employer or education establishment

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About You.

Introduce yourself in no more than 300 words.



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Maximising the Opportunity.

Having researched the learning experience you are applying for, and referring to the 'Selection Criteria', describe why you could be the best applicant for this opportunity. How could the wider industry benefit from your attendance, and how would this experience be life changing for you?



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Above and Beyond.

The scholars Programme is more than just a funding pot. Using the 'Scholars Contract' and your knowledge of the Agricultural Society and local community, how could your attendance at the experience or course benefit the wider community?

Please send your completed application form to scholars@eastofengland.org.uk

Applications are open all year round and considered three times a year by a dedicated Scholars Committee:

Please select which funding application window you would like your application to be considered for

1 February

2 June

3 October



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