

## ASA/AIB PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Professional Work Experience (PWE) module provides undergraduate Bachelor of Agriculture Science (BAgrSc) students at UCD with a unique opportunity to develop their skills and commercial experience during stage three of their degree programme. The opportunity to travel abroad to complete the PWE module has become a very popular choice among BAgrSc students in recent years. Travelling overseas provides students with an opportunity to expand their technical and professional development whilst working in a completely different environment and culture, thereby enhancing their CV.

The Agricultural Science Association (ASA) has teamed up with AIB Bank to provide four €1,000 scholarships to stage three BAgrSc students to support travel and other costs associated with overseas placement. Students who decide to complete part or all of their PWE overseas are eligible to apply and the four successful candidates will be awarded their scholarships prior to commencing their work placement.

### HOW TO APPLY

Complete the attached application form and submit it with two copies of a 1,000 word essay to the ASA. In this essay, you should outline where you are proposing to go on your PWE and for how long, the relevance of your PWE placement to your BAgrSc programme option, why you are interested in completing your PWE overseas and how this experience will further your career. Applications will be shortlisted and an interview panel will determine the recipients of the ASA/AIB PWE scholarship.

### CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION

The closing date for applications is Wednesday, 19 November 2008 at 5pm. All applications must include:

- \* Completed application form
- \* Two copies of the 1,000 word essay.

These documents should be posted to James O'Mahony, Manager, Agricultural Science Association, Irish Farm Centre, Bluebell, Dublin 12 or email for info: jamesomahony@asaireland.ie.

## APPLICATION FORM

First Name:	Family Name:
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Home Address:

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Home Telephone No:

Personal E-mail:

Mobile Number:

### COLLEGE AND EDUCATION DETAILS

BAgrSc Programme Option:

PLEASE INCLUDE TWO COPIES OF YOUR ESSAY WITH THE APPLICATION FORM.

Closing date for the competition is Wednesday, 19 November 2008 at 5 pm. Late applications will not be accepted. Please post your application form and additional documentation to:

James O'Mahony, Manager,  
 Agricultural Science Association,  
 Irish Farm Centre, Bluebell, Dublin 12.  
 or email for info: jamesomahony@asaireland.ie

The ASA is dedicated to enhancing the professional interests of all graduates in agriculture, food, forestry, horticulture and the environmental sciences. The ASA also provides a range of services to undergraduates and encourage and welcome their membership.



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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### ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicants must be stage three Bachelor of Agricultural Science (BAgrSc) students in UCD.
2. Applicants must complete all or part of their PWE placement overseas.
3. The PWE placement undertaken must be of direct relevance to the students BAgrSc programme option.
4. If no student meets the above criteria the ASA can withhold the scholarship.

### CONDITIONS:

1. Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 19 November 2008 at 5pm.
2. Applications will be shortlisted and an interview panel will determine the recipient of the ASA/AIB Professional Work Experience scholarship.
3. Interviews will be held in UCD on Wednesday, 26 November 2008 and the successful candidates will be notified on Friday, 28 November 2008.
4. The interview panel will consist of two ASA Council members and one UCD academic staff member connected with the BAgrSc degree programme.
5. In any matter relating to the award of the scholarship the decision of the Agricultural Science Programme Board is final.
6. Award holders who are subject to discipline by the University, for any reason, will have consideration given to having their scholarship withdrawn. The final decision will be made by the Agricultural Sciences Programme Board and the student who was next in line will be awarded the scholarship.
7. The value of the scholarship at €1,000 is primarily intended to cover travel and associated costs.
8. Applicants must fulfil UCD and BAgrSc PWE requirements and are strongly recommended to discuss their ASA/AIB Professional Work Experience proposal with their BAgrSc PWE coordinator in advance of submission.
9. Winners must be willing to participate in publicity concerning the scholarship.

### ESSAY CONDITIONS:

 Your essay should be approx. 1,000 words and should include:

1. Where you are proposing to go on your PWE and for how long?
2. The relevance of the PWE placement to your BAgrSc programme option.
3. Why you are interested in completing your PWE overseas?
4. How this experience will further your career?



Recipients will be invited to provide a presentation on their overseas PWE to the ASA Council and will also have a report published in an ASA publication.

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