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ASA/IRISH FARMERS JOURNAL

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SCHOLARSHIP 2018/2019

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The Professional Work Experience (PWE) module provides undergraduate Bachelor of Agricultural Science 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 students. Traveling 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 the Irish Farmers Journal to provide four €1,000 scholarships to stage three B.Agr.Sc. 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 70% of their scholarship prior to commencing their placement and 30% following completion of their placement and review.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the attached application form and submit it via email with a copy of your CV and either a 500 word essay OR a short video (90 - 120 seconds) to the ASA.

ESSAY

Your 500 word essay or short video (90 - 120 seconds) should include:

1. Proposed PWE location and duration.
2. The relevance of this PWE placement to your B.Agr.Sc. programme option.
3. Why you are interested in completing your PWE overseas in your chosen location.

Recipients of the ASA/Irish Farmers Journal PWE Travel Scholarships will be required to submit a series of blogs for farmersjournal.ie whilst on their placement. Recipients will also be required to submit a 500 word summary of their experience to the ASA at the end of their PWE placement. This may be used in future promotional material by the ASA.

The closing date for applications is Monday, 3rd December 2018, 5pm. Interviews will take place on 7th December. Arrangements can be made for those studying abroad.



Application Form:

College & education details

First name: _____

Surname: _____

Home Address: _____

Home telephone number: _____

Mobile telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

Registered Programme Option: _____

Please email a copy of this application form along with a copy of your CV and your 500 word essay OR short video (90 - 120 seconds) to the ASA.

Email: secretary@asaireland.ie. Phone: 01 4603 682

The closing date for applications is Monday, 3rd December 2018, 5pm.

Any queries please contact Cheryl Hazenberg, ASA: secretary@asaireland.ie or Tommy Boland, UCD: tommy.boland@ucd.ie



TERMS & CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicants must be stage three B.Agr.Sc. students in UCD.
2. Applicants must complete all or greater than one third of their PWE placement overseas.
3. The PWE undertaken must be of direct relevance to the students B.Agr.Sc. as agreed with the relevant PWE Academic Coordinator.
4. If no student meets the above criteria the ASA can withhold the ASA/Irish Farmers Journal PWE Travel Scholarships.

CONDITIONS:

1. Closing date for applications is Monday, 3rd December 2018 at 5pm.
2. Applicants will be shortlisted and an interview panel will determine the recipient of the ASA/Irish Farmers Journal PWE Travel Scholarships.
3. Interviews will be held in UCD on 7th December. Candidates must be able to attend an interview. Special arrangements can be made for students studying abroad. The 4 successful candidates will be notified by the following week.
4. The interview panel will consist of one ASA Council member, one UCD academic staff member connected with the B.Agr.Sc. degree programme and one representative from the Irish Farmers Journal.
5. In any matter relating to the award of the ASA/Irish Farmers Journal PWE Travel Scholarships, the decision of the ASA/Irish Farmers Journal is final.
6. Applicants must fulfill the UCD and B.Agr.Sc. PWE requirements and are strongly recommended to discuss their ASA/Irish Farmers Journal proposal with their B.Agr.Sc. PWE Academic Coordinator in advance of submission.
7. The PWE placement must be carried out in person by the successful applicant(s).
8. Recipients of the ASA/Irish Farmers Journal PWE Travel Scholarships must be willing to participate in educational publicity at the request of the ASA/Irish Farmers Journal. The Recipients of the Scholarships may also have the honour of making a presentation on their PWE to the ASA Council and having a report published in an ASA publication.
9. Recipients will be required to attend the PWE Launch for 2020 and make a short presentation.
10. Recipients of the ASA/Irish Farmers Journal PWE Travel Scholarships will be required to submit a series of blogs for farmersjournal.ie whilst on their placement. Failure to complete this, will result in 30% of PWE and the Irish Farmers Journal scholarship being withheld. Recipients must obtain permission in writing and agree the information to be supplied for the blog with their host provider of PWE and the Irish Farmers Journal.

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