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LAST CALL FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP ENTRIES

University research students wanting to work in agriculture or rural industries are reminded they have just over two weeks to apply for a scholarship of up to \$10,000, Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson said today.

The NSW Rural Assistance Authority Board is providing up to two annual research scholarships at \$10,000 per annum for the 2012 academic year.

Applications are invited from Masters Research or Doctoral students who are enrolled at universities in NSW or the ACT and whose degrees involve writing a dissertation.

“The NSW Government wants to support the next generation of farmers who will take up the challenge of building productive and sustainable rural businesses and communities,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“These scholarships are a great investment in students interested in the primary industries field and may be used to help with living expenses or their proposed research project.”

Ms Hodgkinson said the scholarships will be awarded to students working on a research project in one of the following research areas:

- Agriculture;
- Economics and Business;
- Sciences or
- Social Sciences.

“Running a successful farm or rural enterprise can be challenging, especially when affected by unpredictable weather, water scarcity and strong national and international competition,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“It is for this reason that the NSW Government is committed to investing in the future of our State’s farmers through the latest research which will further our important primary industries.

“As Minister for Primary Industries, I want to ensure that the agricultural research undertaken by talented university students has a role to play in enriching the lives of NSW farmers for years to come.”

Application details are available on the Rural Assistance Authority’s website:

www.raa.nsw.gov.au.

Applications must be received by 29 February, 2012.