

2012 Dairy Manufacturing Scholarship Program

Objective of the program:

The key objective of the dairy manufacturing scholarship program is to attract passionate and new graduates and diploma holders into the dairy industry and train them in relevant aspects of dairy manufacture.

Duration:

8-10 weeks from February – April 2012

Scholarship allowances:

All relevant costs including airfares, accommodation and travel expenses are paid by Dairy Australia. Participants receive \$500 per week as a living allowance.

Employment:

There is no guarantee of employment on completion of the 2-3 month training. At the end of the training, scholarship winners are encouraged to contact sponsors and other companies to seek employment. The good news is that in 2011 more than 65% of the trained graduates found positions with dairy manufacturing companies within a few months.

Scholarship training components:

A. Induction

Dairy Australia - Industry induction:

The successful candidates will be offered a half-day induction to the dairy industry at Dairy Australia.

B. Dairy Manufacturing Education at the National Centre for Dairy Education Australia, Werribee

Dairy Science Foundation Studies:

A four day course covering fundamentals of dairy chemistry, dairy microbiology and dairy processing.

Practical Cheese Making:

A five day course covering practical and theoretical aspects of cheesemaking including milk processing and cheese manufacturing.

Milk Powder Theory and Practice:

A five day course covering theory and practical aspects of milk powder manufacture, quality assurance and packaging.

Market milk and Milk fat products:

This four day course covers market milk, butter and milk fat products manufacture.

C. Placement at Dairy Manufacturing Factories

Two to five day placements each at 5 – 8 dairy manufacturing sponsoring companies to cover commercial aspects of dairy products manufacture – milk powder, cheese, butter and liquid milk.

Key selection criteria:

- Evidence of science based qualifications – degree or diploma
- Demonstrated communication and presentation skills
- Evidence of previous work experience in food or related industries
- Quality of references

Eligibility:

- Be permanent residents or citizens of Australia
- Not be currently employed in a dairy company
- Be available to attend the Scholarship interview in January – February 2012 and training between February – April 2012



Documents and more information to be submitted with on-line application:

- Current photograph (to be used for publicity purposes)
- Copy of current CV
- Copies of academic transcripts
- Evidence of presentation skills
- Evidence of work experience in food industry, if any
- Two relevant written references
- Completed application form – see section regarding on-line application form

Determining the successful applicants:

A judging panel, including representatives from Dairy Australia, dairy manufacturing companies and the National Centre for Dairy Education Australia, will assess the written applications. If necessary, an interview will be organised with the judging panel. The successful candidates will be announced during January – February 2012.

Training schedule:

All training will take place between February and April 2012. A detailed training itinerary and placement schedule will be available in January – February 2012.

Applications:

Applications must be received by 5pm EST Wednesday, 30 November 2011. Apply online at <http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/dairy-manufacturing-scholarship>

More information:

Contact Jaclyn Walsh at Dairy Australia on 03 9694 3812 or Dr Mani Iyer 03 9694 3787 or visit <http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/dairy-manufacturing-scholarship>

