

Annual round of applications open for Gottstein Trust awards

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THE annual round of applications for the JW Gottstein Memorial Trust awards opens tomorrow, Friday, July 19, and will close on September 16.

Every year the Gottstein Trust invites people involved in the industry to submit their proposals to be considered for a funding grant.

Most highly sought after are the Gottstein fellowships. More often than not the submitted proposals seek to cover an international study tour.

Intending fellows usually seek to expand professional networks internationally and many achieve that by submitting a travel itinerary to visit leading operations and people with specialised knowledge in the field of endeavour they are pursuing.

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Applications are also open for scholar support – grants to people presently undertaking study in a field of relevance to the forestry and wood products sector. Two University of Tasmania scholars who currently receive scholarships are pursuing PhDs. However, undergraduate and master's degree students are also invited to apply.

Another opportunity is the Industry Award. This is a grant that may be provided to applicants at any level who can demonstrate how this support would improve their professional skills



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and advance their career prospects within the sector.

This opportunity has a real breadth but tends not to be awarded year in year out.

The Industry Award would be valuable to people at all levels who seek to advance their skills in a chosen area.

All the application information is available at www.gottsteintrust.org where the online application forms are also found. Intending applicants might be interested in the short video of a Gottstein Alumnus. On this new feature we've

provided for the trust, a 1990 recipient Braden Jenkin talks about the lasting impact of his fellowship award.

Also, each year, in conjunction with Australian National University in Canberra, the Gottstein Trust organises a one-week 'crash course' in wood science or forest science. This year more than 30 individuals graduated from the forest science course.

The 2020 short-course is tentatively set to run across the week of February 17 to 21 at the Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University in Canberra. Further details will be released in the timber industry media and through industry associations later in 2019.

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