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Scholarship opportunity for post-graduate students

Two \$10,000 scholarships are up for grabs for students conducting rural or agriculture based research as part of their post-graduate studies, Minister for Primary Industries, Steve Whan, said today.

“The Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) Board is seeking highly motivated and talented post-graduate students studying in 2011 at a NSW regional university to apply for a Higher Degree Research Scholarship,” Minister Whan said.

“Two successful applicants will receive \$10,000 grants to conduct high quality research and develop their expertise.

“Their research projects must relate to a significant aspect of agriculture, economics, science or social science that helps build productive and sustainable agricultural businesses, or sustainable and successful rural communities.

“I encourage regional post-graduate research students studying in these fields to apply for this exceptional opportunity to kick-start their career.”

Applications will be considered for RAA Higher Degree Research Scholarships from 2011 Masters Research or PhD students at:

- University of New England
- Charles Sturt University
- University of Newcastle
- Southern Cross University
- University of Wollongong

“RAA scholarships will be awarded annually on a competitive basis to the most promising applicants, with academic merit and research potential being the main criteria,” Mr Whan said.

“Grants may be used within one year in any way the host institution sees as an appropriate form of support for the successful applicant or their proposed project.”

Further information and forms available at www.raa.nsw.gov.au or by telephoning the Authority Toll Free on 1800 678 593.

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