

2026 Les Young Scholarship

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Overview

The Les Young Scholarship provides funding and support to the successful applicant via a combination of theory coursework and a paid placement with an international horse stud in the United Kingdom where they will develop further understanding around foaling and breeding, bloodstock husbandry and stable and equine management. All travel, visas and accommodation will be covered by the scholarship.

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants should be aged between 18 and 30 years, have at least two years industry experience in breeding, bloodstock, spelling or racing, as well as an intention to remain part of the industry as their career progresses.

Timeline

Applications open: Thursday, 26 March 2026

Applications close: 5 pm (AEST) Friday, 1 May 2026

Selection process concludes: Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Successful candidate notified: Monday 25 May 2026

Applicant Information

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Applicant

Applicant Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Date of Birth *

Must be a date.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Postal Address *

Address

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant next of kin

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Primary Address

Address

Primary Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary Email

Must be an email address.

Scholarship Selection Criteria

Applications for the 2026 Les Young Scholarship will be assessed by a skilled assessment panel, appointed by AgriFutures Australia, consisting of AgriFutures Australia staff and external representatives.

Applicant requirements include:

- Between 18 - 30 years of age
- At least 2 years' experience in the thoroughbred industry
- Has been employed with their current employer for a minimum of 12 months
- Keen to remain part of the industry
- Two letters of support, including one from your current employer, and one from another prominent member of the thoroughbred industry
- Your resume

Applications will be judged based on the following selection criteria:

- Experience within the thoroughbred industry
- Long term career goals
- Challenges and opportunities identified for the industry
- Intention to remain within the thoroughbred industry for a minimum of 12 months.

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[The assessment matrix is available to download here.](#)

Application Questions

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1. What is your experience within the thoroughbred industry? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

2. What are your long-term goals, and where do you see yourself in five years? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

3. In your opinion, what are the industry's top five challenges and/or opportunities? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

4. Are you willing to remain within the thoroughbred industry for a minimum of 12 months once you return? (Y/N) *

Must be no more than 300 words.

Provide two letters of support including one from your current employer and one from another prominent member of the industry. *

Attach a file:

Provide a copy of your current resume. *

Attach a file:

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References

* indicates a required field

Please provide contact details of two referees

Referee #1

Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Position

Organisation *

Organisation Name

Relationship to applicant *

Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Referee #2

Please note: Referee #2 is required to be an industry representative or grower relating to the research project.

Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Position

Organisation *

Organisation Name

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Relationship to project *

Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Terms and Conditions

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Terms and Conditions

To be eligible for the 2026 Les Young Scholarship applicants must agree to the terms and conditions as set out below:

- I agree to arrange my passport and relevant visa applications prior to departure (cost unknown), provide an invoice for the visa application to AgriFutures for payment of up to \$1,500 and a statement of supplier form to enable payment.
- I understand that any costs associated with this visa exceeding \$1,500 will be covered at my expense.
- I agree to arrange and pay for appropriate international travel insurance and will provide AgriFutures with a copy of this insurance before departure and the associated invoice to enable AgriFutures to cover costs of up to \$700.
- I acknowledge that some meals, all incidentals and spending money are not included in the costs of this scholarship and agree that these will be at my own discretion.
- I agree to the dates of the scholarship courses, and I can participate in the full scholarship program.
- I agree to provide international contact details as soon as possible once I have arrived at the international stud.
- I agree to participate in an interview following my return and provide a minimum of three high quality images from my scholarship experience to AgriFutures.

If have read and agree to the above terms and conditions, please select below: *

Review and Submit

I have read the AgriFutures Australia Privacy Policy and Collection Statement and consent to my personal information being collected, held, used and disclosed in the manner and for the purpose stated there.

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I agree

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