

THE JOHN DILLON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

The John Dillon Memorial Fellowship was established by ACIAR during 2002 in recognition of Professor John L. Dillon's life-long support for international agricultural research.

Professor Dillon was one of Australia's leading agricultural economists and was the Chair of the ACIAR Board of Management from 1985 to 1994. He played a key role in the review of ACIAR in 1991 that ensured the ongoing role of ACIAR in the Australian aid program.

Professor Dillon started his career as a farmer, and became an economics researcher at NSW Agriculture and CSIRO before joining Adelaide University as a lecturer. In 1965 he was appointed Professor of Rural Economics at the University of New England and at retirement in 1994 became Emeritus Professor. Prof Dillon served on the Boards of five CGIAR centres, was Chair of three, and twice served as the Chair of the committee of CGIAR Board Chairs. He was a strong advocate of international agricultural research, with research, advisory and research management experience in five continents. Prof Dillon was still active in this arena when he passed away on 5 June 2001.

The Fellowship serves the memory of John Dillon by providing a career development activity for an outstanding young agricultural scientist or agricultural economist from an ACIAR partner country and who is currently or recently involved in an ACIAR project (this includes fisheries and forestry projects). **The aim of the Fellowship is to develop the leadership skills of Fellows in the areas of agricultural research management, agricultural policy and/or extension technologies.** This will be achieved by providing exposure to Australian agriculture across a range of best-practice organisations involved in research, extension and/or policy making.

The visit program will be tailored by negotiation between ACIAR and the selected Fellow to meet the needs of individual Fellows and their employing organisation. Arrangements for the Fellowships will be flexible, and the following points are intended to indicate features of the program:

- Fellowships will normally be for a 5-6 week period in Australia.
- Fellows will typically be hosted by an Australian organisation (such as ABARE, BRS, CSIRO, a University Department, a Cooperative Research Centre or State Department of Agriculture) where they will spend at least 50 % of their Fellowship period.
- Fellows will participate in formal research management training courses in Australia of 1-2 weeks.
- Fellows may undertake a structured program of visits to various institutes, including the presentation of relevant lectures.

Please note that the visit program is not intended for project operations. Applications must clearly show how the applicant's leadership skills will be developed.

The Fellow will be selected by the ACIAR Training Committee, according to the following selection criteria:

- The Fellowship is offered to 8-10 individuals annually. Unsuccessful applicants will automatically be reconsidered in the following selection round (if they still meet the maximum age criterion).
- Applicants should be under 45 at the time of application.
- The applicants must be associated with ACIAR bilateral projects that are either active or completed in the last 24 months.

- The Fellow can be associated with either a NARS or a CGIAR centre (if the applicant is involved in an ACIAR bilateral project), but must be a citizen of an ACIAR partner country.

Applications, completed on the attached form and including a brief resume (biographical data) should be submitted by **31 August** of the year prior to the Fellowship visit taking place, to:

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