



Requirements of the Mort Johnston Scholarship

Notes to assist a student fulfil the requirements

Work experience will be carried out in a North Queensland banana business. Australian Banana Growers' Council (ABGC) will assist the student with finding a placement.

North Queensland banana business are focused from Townsville north and around Cairns, usually within an easy two hours' drive of these major centres.

The student will be expected to use the stipend from the Mort Johnston Scholarship to assist with their travel, accommodation and living costs. The work experience is paid work experience which will cover the cost of being in North Queensland.

Banana businesses operate all year round. There is a peak of farm activity during the summer but there is no seasonality like with some other horticultural crops. This means that during the periods when the student is expected to undertake work experience there should not be an issue with getting accommodation close to the North Queensland banana business. The business in which the student will undertake work experience may be able to assist with finding accommodation.

The reporting required:

- (a) a short written report (no more than four pages) on the main learnings from their work experience to ABGC (noting areas where there is opportunity for a young person coming into the industry);
- (b) a short video on why the banana industry has a strong future. The video should be around 3 minutes long and can be shot on mobile device, or with ABGC or Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland extension staff;
- (c) participating in an interview for publication in *Australian Bananas* magazine and UQ media. To organise an interview with ABGC contact Paula Doran, Communications Manager, ABGC, (07) 32784786, paula@abgc.org.au ; and
- (d) acknowledging the support of the Mort Johnston Scholarship and the ABGC in all printed material

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