

## **Agricultural Health and Medicine (HMF701) 26 February – 2 March 2018, Hamilton, Victoria**

### **Want to make a difference to farmer health?**

GippsDairy is one of eight Regional Development Programs across Australia delivering research, development and extension programs to improve the profitability and sustainability of Gippsland's dairy farms. Since its inception in 1996, the not for profit organisation has used funding from Dairy Australia and other sources to deliver millions of dollars' worth of projects to the region's dairy farmers.

GippsDairy is offering full scholarship for study in Agricultural Health and Medicine. The funding will cover the cost of enrolment in the course.

#### **Who should apply?**

Those with an interest and commitment to rural healthcare are encouraged to apply. In particular, registrars undertaking rural placement, postgraduate students in health care professions, and established health care providers with a commitment and passion for farming communities would benefit from this course. This course will improve their understanding of the social, environmental, physical and mental health factors that result in higher rates of injury, illness and death in rural and remote communities. Preference will be given to those who do not have access to financial support from either their workplace or other funding agencies.

#### **What is the program?**

The 5 day intensive curriculum (HMF701) was developed by the highly regarded National Centre for Farmer Health, and will be delivered with the School of Medicine, Deakin University. Topics include:

- agricultural medicine conditions & co-morbidities
- agricultural respiratory health
- pesticide & veterinary chemical hazards
- occupational health assessments
- high risk remote populations & chronic disease
- vision & hearing injuries
- musculoskeletal health & ageing
- common cancers in agriculture
- traumatic agricultural injury
- remote emergency medicine
- zoonotic diseases, addiction, suicide & mental illness in rural Australia

The intensive course is followed by a series of three online assessments, spaced over an 11 week period. Whilst students are required to be enrolled in the Graduate Certificate of Agricultural and Health Medicine (H522) or other Deakin University postgraduate degree, HMF701 can be completed as a stand-alone course.

For more information, please contact the Course Chair, Prof Susan Brumby by email ([susan.brumby@wdhs.net](mailto:susan.brumby@wdhs.net)) or phone Sue on (03) 5551 8533. Alternatively, visit <http://www.farmerhealth.org.au/page/education/what-is-hmf701> for a fact sheet.

#### **Conditions**

The scholarship will be paid in two instalments, one at the beginning of the course, and the second upon successful completion. Recipients of the GippsDairy scholarship must agree to (i) enrol in HMF701 by the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017, (ii) attend at least two farm events or discussion events at the invitation of GippsDairy, (iii) be contacted for publicity purposes.

## Process

Applications must be received by 1<sup>th</sup> October 2017 either in writing (GippsDairy, PO Box 1059, Warragul, Vic 3820) or by email ([info@gippsdairy.com.au](mailto:info@gippsdairy.com.au)). Results will be released by the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and enrolment must be completed by 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017.

## Application guide

Your application for GippsDairy's scholarship for HMF701 in February 2018 should address the following.

### Contact details

- Name, postal address, email address.
- Phone and/or mobile phone number.

### Background

- Highest qualification.
- Current place of work and supervisor's contact details (your supervisor will be asked about your suitability for the scholarship and course).
- Current employer and/or educational institution.
- Where will you be working in 2018?

Why you would like to complete the study of HMF701? (100 words or less)

Are you able to abide by the conditions of the scholarship?

How will you use the knowledge gained from HMF701 in your community, study or workplace? (100 words or less)

How will you promote that your study was supported by GippsDairy?