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Award Application Details

This is an exciting time to be working in the agricultural industry or considering a career in farming. The current climate presents opportunities as well as challenges for young farmers, future entrepreneurs and research students to forge ahead with their plans. The agricultural industry is proud of its network of support through trusts, awards, scholarships and industry initiatives that encourage young people to progress in their chosen career path. The Henry Plumb Foundation (HPF) adds to this network by offering applicants financial support, mentoring and supervision for business and research proposals.

Trustees of the Henry Plumb Foundation want to encourage innovation and do not want the application categories to be over-prescriptive. Candidates are encouraged to use the following information to choose their category of submission for an award. Each category will offer financial support usually ranging from £500 - £3,000 (**the applicant should stipulate amount needed**) and the successful recipient of an award will be allocated a foundation mentor to support the graduate's project.

Any organisation which receives a grant from the foundation cannot make a further application for financial help within the following 2 years except by special resolution of the trustees.

Categories for project submission

Candidates should usually be aged between 18 – 35

1. **Communicators and future leaders**

The Communicators and future leaders category offers support for young people who have the potential to take on roles of effective chairmanship or leadership within industry groups (Young Farmers' Clubs, Under 30s Farmers Club, NFU, Student Unions, Agricultural Discussion Groups) and who wish to further develop their skills.

2. **Agricultural entrepreneurs**

The Agricultural entrepreneurs category offers support for applicants engaged in or planning small agricultural and rural businesses to those involved in farm and rural business management.

3. **Post-graduate students**

The post-graduate student category offers support for future research projects that will provide benefit for the agricultural or food industries and demonstrates innovation and sustainability.



Henry Plumb, known to many in the agricultural industry, is a personality who has shaped our industry; from NFU President in the 1970's to European Parliament President in the 1980's, from leading marches on Whitehall to creating and leading the International Food and Agriculture Trade Policy Council championing equitable and open trade, Lord Plumb has raised the profile of UK Agriculture over many decades.

He has given much but wants to do more for young people and create a lasting legacy, providing a "leg up", opening eyes to opportunities, providing access to influencers to match the drive and enthusiasm of youth.

As a result **The Henry Plumb Foundation** has been formed. Its target is to provide scholarships and bursaries to young people and a mentoring network, all to deliver against 5 key aims:

- To identify and encourage young people who've shown they have natural skills and ability as communicators and potential leaders in the field of food and agriculture.
- To provide the means to enable them to hone their "skill set" and encourage them to think broadly, constructively and laterally enabling them to present ideas which will become part of the policy which drives future food, agricultural and environmental development.
- To provide the means by which they learn the importance of understanding regional, global and political influences on food production policy.
- To foster the recognition in young people of the importance of working with others, to develop the "team approach" in order to influence the common good.
- To encourage and mentor young agricultural entrepreneurs who without such help would have difficulty in achieving their goals.

"My Foundation will, I hope, be a catalyst for young people to take advantage of the growing opportunities agriculture presents and bring success to themselves and vibrancy to our industry".

The Foundation is targeting those under 35 and is driven by two objectives:

- To advance education by providing grants to young people between the ages of 18 and 35 to give them opportunities (in all parts of the world) to learn about land based industries which for this purpose includes the enhancement of ecosystems' diversity water management, energy production, waste management and food production ("land based industries").
- To advance in life young people between the ages of 18 and 35 by providing support and activities which develop their entrepreneurial skills, capacities and capabilities in the land based industries to include but not by way of limitation the skills of innovation, analysing and personal communication.

Help could be provided in a number of practical ways:

- As a grant and used, for example, for a business start-up, funding as an intern, overseas exchanges, attendance at technical, management or leadership courses,
- Or on the provision of a relevant business mentor for a period of up to 2 years

"I feel we are at the beginning of a new era for agriculture. No, it will not be easy, but I am convinced that public and political opinion is more supportive than in recent decades and the industry has a real opportunity to take its place at the top table. Young entrepreneurs will be vital and I hope you feel able to support the vision of the Foundation in supporting our future".

Lord Henry Plumb