



HOW TO APPLY FOR THE 2024 AWARD

If you think you are eligible to apply for the Centenary Award in 2024 please contact the mailbox below to request further details and an application form.



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The closing date for applications is
30th June 2024.

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CENTENARY AWARD 2024



Providing bursaries for postgraduate students in agriculture

“I’ve always been interested in animal genetics and red meat production, and I have real passion to learn more about new approaches to help farmers across the UK. My postgraduate course will transform my future career possibilities, and I am very grateful for the support from the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust.”

Megan Phillips,
Centenary Award recipient 2023.
MSc Sustainable and Efficient Food Production



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If you are planning to start a postgraduate course in agriculture during the 2023/2024 academic year, the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust Centenary Award could be just the thing for you.

The award gives annual bursaries to pay up to 75%* of course fees for selected postgraduate students in agriculture (Masters or PhD).

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust is running the scheme to help create a long-standing legacy for the future. The award aims to champion research and innovation for UK agriculture, whilst also supporting promising individuals who are passionate about making a difference to the industry.

So whether it be a one year Masters, or a three year PhD, the Centenary Award aims to give a number of selected postgraduate students in agriculture financial assistance for their studies.

“I have a real passion to learn about and pioneer new feeding techniques to increase the efficiency of dairy, beef and sheep farms in the region, whilst also decreasing the carbon footprint of the industry. My goal is to become a leader in nutrition within Cornwall and Devon, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to enhance my knowledge and advance my career position with the support of this prestigious award.”

Peter Reis, Centenary Award recipient 2023

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE CENTENARY AWARD?

To apply for the Centenary Award you need to meet the following initial guidelines:

- You have gained (or currently are expected to gain) at least a 2:1 in agriculture or a related degree.
- You have been offered, or have applied for, a place on a postgraduate agricultural course (Masters or PhD) in the British Islands** commencing during the 2024/2025 academic year.

In addition to this, your study course should feature at least one of our four areas of interest below as the main part of your course:

- The application of science and innovative technologies to enhance productivity, efficiency, and profitability for UK farming businesses
- Building resilience and safeguarding the physical and mental wellbeing of those living and working in the UK agricultural industry
- Tackling the risks of climate change, whilst maintaining food security, to improve the sustainability of UK agriculture
- Identifying opportunities for supporting nature and biodiversity in the development of farming and land management practices in the UK

We are looking to award agricultural leaders of the future, so you will be required to demonstrate your long-term career aspirations and how your course will benefit UK agriculture when applying for the award.

If you're successful in receiving a bursary you will be asked to write a report at the end of your study course. This will help to tell us how your work will benefit the agricultural industry at large.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The scheme was first launched in 2010, to celebrate the 100th birthday of NFU Mutual. Three students received the Centenary Award in 2023.

The three selected students for 2023 are:

Megan Phillips: MSc Sustainable and Efficient Food Production

Peter Reis: MSc Ruminant Nutrition

Ludo de Falbe: MPhil Crop Sciences



Ludo de Falbe



Megan Phillips



Peter Reis