

**28 July 2014****MEDIA RELEASE****GTA to sponsor a Nuffield Fellow**

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) is partnering with Nuffield Australia to sponsor a Nuffield Fellow each year.

The GTA Fellowship, to be managed by Nuffield Australia, will enable employees of GTA members and members of the Nuffield alumni to apply to travel overseas to study the grain value chain.

GTA Chairman Peter Reading announced the fellowship at the Australian Grains Industry Conference being held this week in Melbourne and said the fellowship was a great fit for GTA.

“Through this fellowship, GTA is providing continued support for scholars with an interest in the grains industry.

“GTA is proud to be involved in this real investment in the Australian grains industry.

“I’m sure we will see some very interesting studies in post farm gate research on the grain value chain that will provide valuable information to participants in the Australian grains industry,” said Mr Reading.

Jim Geltch, CEO of Nuffield Australia said Nuffield Australia was pleased to be managing the fellowship.

“Nuffield Australia has a long standing commitment to continued learning and this post-scholarship opportunity is the first of its kind to be offered to the Australian grains industry.

“It presents a tremendous opportunity for a scholar within the grains industry to further their interest and explore the international grain value chain,” Mr Geltch said.

The bursary available for the fellowship will enable overseas travel for approximately 4-6 weeks.

Applications for the fellowship will be open next year from April to June and the inaugural successful candidate will be announced at the 2015 Australian Grains Industry Conference which is held in late July.

The successful candidate will be required to provide a written and verbal report for delivery at the Australian Grain Industry Conference in Melbourne 2016 and the Nuffield Australia National Conference in September that same year.

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**Grain Trade Australia** develops the grain standards and contracts that are used across the Australian grain industry and has over 250 member organisations ranging from regional family businesses to large national and international trading/storage and handling companies.

Members operate within all sectors of the grain industry in Australia. Organisations involved in related commercial activities such as banking, communications, grain advisory services and professional services (solicitors and accountants) are also members.