

Real Time Training – NEPAL 2016

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water has entered into an agreement with the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD) for the delivery of real-time foot and mouth disease (FMD) training courses. A number of courses have occurred since 2012, with attendees coming from government, industry, veterinarians and others.

The training involves going to Nepal and following, in real time, an outbreak of FMD, meeting local farmers, learning about symptoms and the disease, and sharing your practical on-farm knowledge from Australia, and discussing biosecurity. Growers who have previously attended the training have returned to Australia strongly recommending others who are interested to nominate. Costs for travel to and from Nepal, and food and accommodation in Nepal are covered by this sponsorship arrangement.

The wool industry has ten fully-funded positions available this year. The dates of the courses start in Nepal on the following days:

14 th - 18 th November 2016	28 th November - 2 nd December 2016	5 th – 9 th December 2016
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In planning travel, please factor in a day's travel to get to Nepal, plus 7 days quarantine time off-farm (that is, you can return to Australia but you must not attend a property with livestock for seven days).

This year we will be awarding positions to candidates based on the following:

- geographical location – as there is an education/awareness component on return from the course, candidates should be from various geographic locations, and complement previous attendees to ensure the best possible coverage for information on FMD
- must be engaged with the wool industry and network the FMD preparedness and prevention message on return
- young growers in particular are encouraged to apply

Furthermore, a brief written statement from candidates addressing the selection criteria below is required. The statement must be less than **750 words** in total.

Selection criteria for candidates:

- Brief summary of wool industry experience, including the following (where applicable):
 - a. Organisations or extension groups you liaise with regularly and would be able to present information to on your return. Examples might include SFO, RAS committees, Breeder's Association, Rotary, etc
 - b. If you engage with social media, give a brief description of your activities (eg active on livestock groups on facebook, active on own facebook page, twitter, instagram etc)
 - c. Any other special skill, such as animal health training, emergency or crisis response training or experience.

If you have availability for the above dates and can meet some or all of the above criteria, WPA encourage those in the wool supply chain to nominate, particularly growers and young growers.

If you are interested in nominating please do so ASAP. As vaccination schedules must be fulfilled, the latest we will consider nominations for the November trip is late September, however, if suitable candidates apply prior to late September those positions may be awarded sooner. Write to: admin@woolproducers.com.au