



National Meat Industry
Training Advisory Council Limited
MINTRAC Scholarship Program

U N D E R G R A D U A T E S C H O L A R S H I P

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MINTRAC Families/Undergraduate scholarship 2004–2005

Sponsor: Monbeef Pty Ltd

Qualification: Diploma of Animal Technology

Tertiary Institution: Canberra Institute of TAFE

The scholarship

MINTRAC has helped me undertake my study in several ways:

Firstly MINTRAC provided financial support by paying my course fees, buying required textbooks and assisting with rental costs. With financial assistance I could then put all my energy into study. I was studying full time and therefore did not have enough time to work during the semester.

Secondly MINTRAC provided me with support in my study. I attended a study skills workshop in Sydney last year. I found the workshop very useful; we learnt various methods to improve study skills including: researching, referencing, planning etc. At the workshop I was also able to meet other scholarship holders and ask them about their different study techniques.

The qualification

Personally I have gained a lot from my qualification. Through my course I have obtained both the knowledge and skills to care for various animals. This will enable me to fulfil my dream to work with animals.

I was given the opportunity to participate in work placement. I spent one week at the Cooma Rural Lands Protection Board (RLPB) which was a great experience. I was able to put to use my knowledge and skills in the workplace.

I have met many wonderful people and developed good friendships during my course. One friend from Japan even invited me to stay with her family in June this year.

Value to the sponsor company

I was sponsored by Monbeef in Cooma. The benefits Monbeef has gained from my scholarship include:

- obtaining an extra worker for six weeks of the year
- becoming aware of my qualification (Diploma of Animal Technology)
- the opportunity to recruit a new employee that has experience in their facility.

Benefits to the meat industry

The meat industry has benefited from my study by:

- supporting a student who has the potential to work in the industry
- being able to recruit young people into the industry.

The future

I wish to obtain a job in animal husbandry that involves outdoor work, hopefully with farm animals. Other possible career opportunities include: Vet nurse (Large animals), RSPCA, Ranger (RLPB) etc.

Although I will probably not work directly within the meat industry, working with farm animals is somewhat related and the industry will still benefit from my acquired skills and knowledge.

Thanks

I have been very satisfied with the scholarship program, thus I cannot think of any suggestions for improvements. Keep up the good work!



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