

CAPI announces 2011-2012 awards program

OTTAWA, December 21, 2011 — The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI), with the support of Farm Credit Canada (FCC), is now accepting applications for the third round of its graduate student awards program.



The awards program, “Advancing a National Dialogue,” is open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are pursuing graduate studies in agriculture, food, nutrition or environmental sciences and/or economics at Canadian universities.

▶ [Winners of the 2010-2011 program](#)

“We’re hoping to generate innovative ideas from students on ways to make the Canadian agri-food sector more competitive and sustainable, better able to contribute to a healthier population, and a more reliable supplier of food,” said David McInnes, President and CEO of CAPI.

Three awards will be granted, one for \$10,000 and two for \$5,000 each. This marks the third and final year of the program, which will have awarded a total of \$40,000.

To be considered, applicants must submit a position paper that tackles the question of “*how can Canadian agri-food players produce more with less?*”

Students are urged to consider how players in the agri-food sector can work together and with other key stakeholders to better manage the use of natural resources (e.g., water) and minimize impacts on the environment. They are urged to consider how these players can anticipate and meet evolving global food demands, and consumer expectations, while ensuring profitability. They could also provide practical operational ideas, including how governments can support these transitions.

The position paper must present a strong, logical case that will demonstrate the applicants’ understanding of the material and their critical thinking skills. Interested candidates may apply online at www.aucc.ca/scholarships. The competition closing date is March 30, 2012.

The selection of the winners will be made in the spring of 2012 by a panel of Canadian specialists in the field of agriculture and agri-food.

About CAPI

The Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI) is an independent, unbiased policy forum that is dedicated to the success of Canada’s agriculture and agri-food sector. CAPI is a catalyst. It identifies emerging issues, promotes dialogue and advances alternative solutions to issues with stakeholders across the diverse agriculture and agri-food value chain, and among academia, research institutes, governments and other sectors in Canada. Based in Ottawa, CAPI was

established as a not-for-profit corporation in 2004 by the federal government and is guided by a diverse Board of Directors and an Advisory Committee [www.capi-icpa.ca].

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