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Timber Queensland Launches the Growth Scholarship Program

Timber Queensland is pleased to announce the launch of its annual '*Growth Scholarships*' Program in 2022–2023. The new scholarship program is aimed at early and mid-career professionals and skilled workers to foster their passion for working in the Queensland forest and timber industry.

Timber Queensland's Strategic Relations Manager Clarissa Brandt said the program offers various funding tiers of awards to applicants from any segment or level of Queensland's forest and timber industry supply chain, or currently undertaking related studies.

"A Growth Scholarship will provide financial assistance for a learning project which can include informal and formal experiences and innovation learnings, such as assistance with on-the-job training, short courses, study tours, formal qualifications, attendance at conferences and events, short term work placements or secondments to gain experience," said Mrs Brandt.

"Our Foundation partner, Kennedy's Timber is supporting the \$10,000 Kennedy's Timber Award, while our Diamond and Ruby partners include the \$5000 HQPlantations Award, \$5000 AKD Award and \$2500 DTM Timber Award. We would like to thank all our partners for their gracious support of the annual program," she said.

"Timber Queensland and the Scholarship Partners are committed to growing the careers of the many bright and dedicated people working in our industry, we believe that supporting a lifelong interest in learning will expand horizons and enhance our industry."

Mrs Brandt said the Growth Scholarship Program is designed for anyone and everyone: applications from plant production workers to office-based salespeople will be welcomed and considered equitably.

As Founding Partner of the program, Michael Kennedy, CEO Kennedy's Timber, said he is pleased to support individual ambition which will enhance the future of Queensland's forest and timber industry.

"More than 70 years ago my grandfather began his apprenticeship as a cabinet maker. After three generations of working with timber, you could say it's in our blood. The Kennedy's Timber Award will nurture another generation of workers and professionals to continue the growth of our industry," said Mr Kennedy.

To apply, applicants must submit details of their proposed learning project, explaining how the project will enhance their career development and how the forest and timber industry will benefit from them undertaking the Learning Project.

Applications for the 2022–2023 program open on 1 May 2022 and close 30 June 2022. The successful candidates will be announced on 31 July 2022.

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More information about Timber Queensland's *Growth Scholarship* Program is available at <https://www.timberqueensland.com.au/News/Growth-Scholarships.aspx>

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