

Over \$150,000 now available through FWPA Scholarships program.

Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA) is offering a number of opportunities to students to support their studies in the forest and wood products sector in 2012. These programs have been developed as part of FWPA's commitment to building skills capacity to promote careers in the forest and wood products industry.

Managing Director, Ric Sinclair says *"It is critical that our industry continues to attract and retain our workforce to ensure we have the capacity to meet future demand. FWPA believe supporting education and ongoing skills development will help us do this"*.

There are a number of scholarships and awards now open accepting applications including:

- **Four FWPA Post Graduate scholarships** worth up to \$35,000 p.a are open to Post Graduate students undertaking research into a number of priority areas of interest to Australian forest and wood products based industries. Application closing date is 31 December 2011.
- **Two FWPA Indigenous scholarships** worth \$5000 each and is available to eligible Indigenous Australian students who are completing a Certificate IV, Diploma or Degree in subjects that relate to the forest and wood products sector. Application closing date is 31 January 2012.
- **The Prestigious Denis Cullity Fellowship** designed to support the on-going professional development of leading Australian forest and wood product scientists. Application closing date is 31 January 2012.
- **The Russell Grimwade Prize** worth \$40,000 designed to encourages the advancement of forest science in Australia. Application closing date is 31 January 2012.

Past recipients have benefited greatly from the support provided to undertake additional study. 2011 Indigenous scholarship recipient Kerry Wharley says, *"The FWPA Indigenous Scholarship has given me a fantastic opportunity to excel in my career at Boral, by giving me the financial support I needed to up-skill."*

If you would like to apply, or have employees looking to further their career in the forest and wood products industry, visit <http://www.fwpa.com.au/scholarships-and-prizes> for details and application guidelines or contact project manager Melissa Houghton on melissa@sustainabilityatwork.com.au for more information.