



Industry Development Award

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Award Information

Eligibility criteria

Applicants will be assessed on merit and according to the selection criteria of:

- Demonstrated aptitude to be able to benefit from the opportunity
- Developing leadership, communication and teamwork skills
- A sound knowledge of the animal feed additives industry
- The applicant must have under 7 years in the industry.

Applicants must be:

- actively employed by a feed ingredients and additives company, which is a Full or Provisional Member of FIAAA.
- over the age of 18
- be available for an online interview on 23rd February 2026
- available to attend the training, Australasian Milling Conference and tour

Those employed within government departments or any other service or supply business to the stock feed industry are not eligible to apply for this Award.

Key Dates

21 January 2026	Applications open
16 th February 2026	Applications close
23 rd February 2026	Judging date
10th May 2026, Sunday	Gold Coast arrival via Coolangatta airport
11 and 12 May 2026	Awardee communication and change management training
12 to 14 May 2026	Australasian Milling Conference
15 to 16 May 2026	Southeast Queensland feed industry tour
16 May 2026	Return flight ex Brisbane

Applications

Applications are open to employees working in any area of the feed ingredients and additives industry including production, technical services, quality control, sales, administration and purchasing. All entries must be made by completing the entry form found at the end of this booklet. Such entries must be received in electronic format at info@fiaaa.com.au and ftaylor@sfmca.com.au by midnight 16th February 2026. The winning entrants will receive their award at the Australasian Milling Conference being held in conjunction with Food with Purpose at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, 12-14 May 2026.

Applicants must have their application approved by suitably authorised senior management within their business. The applicant must be over 18. As a Development Award, there will be preference given to applicants who have the greatest capacity to gain benefit from winning the award for themselves, their employer and more widely the feed ingredients and additive industry.

Entrants are requested to complete the application form at the back of this booklet.

The Award

There will be 2 **Awards available** and awarded at the judge's discretion.

The winners will receive:

- Industry recognition through presentation of their award at the Australasian Milling Conference Welcome Dinner 2026.
- Training on leading people, leading change and customer engagement on 11-12 May 2026 at GCCEC
- Travel, accommodation and registration to attend the Australasian Milling Conference 2026, 12-14 May 2026 at GCCEC.
- Study Tour of the Queensland stockfeed industry 15 to 16 May 2024.
- Opportunity to gain knowledge from presentations at AMC and Food with Purpose by International and Australian industry experts.
- Opportunity to gain knowledge and experience from interacting with other State Development Award winners.
- Opportunity to network and view over 250 exhibition booths.
- Opportunity to view the entire supply chain.

The Study Tour will include guided visits as a group to a number of feed mills, premix plants, raw material suppliers, grain handling facilities, livestock producers or end user processors.

This Award does not include any allowance for wages or salary whilst the applicant is away from their normal course of duties at the Australasian Milling Conference 2026 or study tour. Applicants need to ensure they are available for the period 10 to 16 May 2026 to take part in the training, the Australasian Milling Conference, and the award tour.

Following the conference and tour, the successful applicants will be required to attend a Branch meeting and provide a presentation relating to the training and study tour findings.

Judges

The Selection Committee (judges) for the Award will comprise members of the FIAAA Executive Committee. The judges' decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into. The judges may decide to issue only one award if they feel candidates require more experience or development.

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