

Travel & Training Bursary Report

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Event: Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition (IMJC), Wagga Wagga

My name is Beth Scott and I have just completed my degree in Animal and Veterinary Bioscience at the University of Sydney. During my final year we were given the opportunity to attend the Australian Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition (ICMJ) at Charles Sturt University held over the semester break.

The ICMJ competition allowed me to gain a greater exposure to the meat industry and the potential careers that are available in the field. Combining the competition with the seminars provided an ideal opportunity to gain further knowledge of the theoretical and practical aspects of meat science and allowed me to network with students and industry representatives from around Australia.

The event I believe is a major stepping stone for people that want to enter the meat industry however the training sessions allowed broader adaption where Rimfire's 'preparing for your first job' and Catherine Mariott's 'creating conversations that connect' were great opportunities to assist in the gap between university and our first job. The session ran by Rimfire provided substantial information on to what we should and shouldn't include on a resume and cover letter. Further detail was provided on how to present yourself in an interview and some examples were given to illustrate specific points.

'Creating conversations that connect' for me was one of the most beneficial sessions throughout the IMCJ competition. Catherine was able to empower us to think differently about the conversations that we have to advocate effectively create and engage in conversations.

The Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition offered an unparalleled learning opportunity that allowed further exposure to the meat industry and the potential careers that are available.

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