
Australian Universities Crops Competition

Competition Guide



Overview

The Australian Universities Crops Competition (AUCC) provides a unique opportunity for university students to develop their agronomic and business management skills through practical experience and interaction with industry representatives.

The AUCC will be held 25-27 September 2018 in Temora, NSW.

Registration details will be emailed out closer to the competition. If you're interested in receiving registration details please email events@graingrowers.com.au.

Registrations close 5:00pm (EST) Monday 14th August 2018.

Competition Schedule

Day 1 - Tuesday 25 September

All teams arrive in Temora for a 2pm start.

- Tour of research facility
- Written exam session #1
- Networking dinner

Day 2 - Wednesday 26 September

- Written exam session #2
- Live crops exam session #3
- Industry dinner

Day 3 - Thursday 27 September

- Written exam session #4
- Networking lunch
- Industry tour
- Awards dinner



Registrations

Registration fees for 2018 are as follows:

Undergraduate:	\$315.00
College:	\$315.00
Graduate:	\$315.00*
Supervisor:	\$252.00*

All prices include GST

* Single room supplement \$50 available for Graduates and Supervisors

Registration includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (twin, triple or quadruple share basis, same sex only). Accommodation is booked for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night during the competition. Accommodation will be arranged for supervisors and competitors at motels within Temora. An opportunity to nominate roommates is available at the time of registration.
- Industry tours
- Competition materials
- All main meals. Afternoon tea and dinner is provided on Tuesday and all meals on Wednesday and Thursday.

Cancellations

Any cancellations received after Monday 3 September 2018 are non-refundable and a 100% cancellation fee will apply. Direct transfers will be permitted, at no cost, up until Tuesday 18 September to another eligible student or graduate.

Eligibility

The AUCC is open to a maximum of one (1) team per university or college consisting of five (5) team members in the undergraduate or college category. In addition to the team of five, each university may enter individuals, subject to the following conditions:

- All five members of the team must be nominated at the time of entry
- Individuals entered will not form part of the team scores that count towards the overall trophy in the applicable category.
- Individuals are eligible for the 'top graduate', 'top undergraduate' or 'top college' prize only
- Universities/companies/colleges are responsible to ensure all competitors are aware of their position; team member or individual.

Eligibility - Undergraduates

Full time current undergraduate students studying at an Australian or International university are entitled to compete.

You are NOT eligible for an undergraduate position if you:

- have completed a bachelor's degree in Agriculture or Biological sciences in the past 10 years
- have previously participated in AUCC
- have previously served as a teacher in any college or university



Eligibility cont...

Eligibility - Graduates

Have a Bachelor's degree from the past 1-3 years, aged 30 years or younger as at 31 December of the competition year and are currently completing a postgraduate degree in an agricultural field or are part of a graduate program.

You are NOT eligible for a graduate position if you:

- have previously participated the undergraduate, college or graduate category at the AUCC
- have previously served as a teacher in any college or university

Eligibility - Colleges

Full time current undergraduate students studying at an Australian and or International tertiary institution are entitled to compete.

You are NOT eligible for a college position if you:

- have completed a bachelor's degree in Agriculture or Biological sciences in the past 10 years
- have previously participated in AUCC in any category
- have previously served as a teacher in any college or university



Team Supervisors

Each university may have up to 3 team supervisors. The role of team supervisor is to:

1. Review and understand the Competition Guide and Training Resources
2. Assist registered students to prepare for the competition with the provided resources
3. Ensure that registered students are eligible to compete and comply with the rules and regulations
4. Each supervisor will be tasked with ensuring their group is at the correct exam at the right time and to help with field exams.

It is recommended that supervisors hold a university position or are a previous competitor, however students can choose to prepare and compete without a nominated supervisor if their faculty cannot provide someone.

Competition coordination and exam supervision will be conducted by GrainGrowers. Supervisors will be briefed on their roles and activities during the first day of competition.

Resources

Registered supervisors will be provided with resources to prepare for the competition. These will be distributed at an appropriate time after the university has registered. The resources will provide information relevant to the competitions components; including agronomy and business information, industry standards and methods.

Competitors and supervisors should note that changes and or alterations to the competition structure may occur in the lead up to the event. All supervisors and participants will be advised via email of any changes.



Results

The Award presentation will take place on the last day of competition, Thursday 27 September during the awards dinner.

Competition Awards

Teams

(Undergraduate and college category only)

A team consists of five competitors. Universities may enter only one team and the top 3 scores from each team member will count towards the overall team award.

A trophy will be awarded to the university and college who have the highest team score.

The overall winning team will retain possession of the perpetual trophy until commencement of the subsequent competition.

Individuals

(Undergraduate & Graduates)

All registered competitors, in their chosen category, are eligible for the overall individual award. The highest placed individual, in each category at the conclusion of the competition will be announced as the winner.

The top 3 places in each category will be recognised during the presentation.

Prizes for the top place getter in each category is up to the discretion of GrainGrowers and will be announced during the competition.

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