Background

The New Zealand Study Tour is an annual tour that takes young Victorian dairy industry representatives to New Zealand to learn about the industry and develop leadership skills.

The study tour is organised by United Dairyfarmers of Victoria (UDV) and funded by the Gardiner Dairy Foundation. It also incorporates a certificate IV unit of study in Agriculture supported by the NCDE.

New Zealand is acknowledged as the world’s largest exporter of dairy products and the successful candidates will have the opportunity to see and discuss first-hand New Zealand’s world class business practices.

The Tour

The selected participants will travel to New Zealand in February 2017 for a fully funded eight day tour to:

- Visit leading dairy farms utilising a variety of farm systems and technology;
- Tour dairy research and processing facilities;
- Visit Federated Farmers of New Zealand and learn about industry issues and advocacy work;
- Meet leading industry representatives both in New Zealand and Australia;
- Meet like-minded young people with a passion for the dairy industry and
- Engage in social and recreational activities.

To apply you need to:

- Be aged between 18-35 years;
- Hold a current Australian passport;
- Be available for travel late February 2017;
- Actively participate in the dairy industry - either on or off-farm;
- Be enrolled in or have completed studies related to the dairy industry, such as the NCDE Certificate II, III, or IV; or proven participation in dairy industry short course(s) such as those run by GippsDairy, Westvic Dairy, Murray Dairy, DEDJTR and others;
- Agree to have an ongoing relationship with the UDV and Gardiner Dairy Foundation and
- Utilise leadership skills upon return by undertaking leadership roles in the industry and/or community.

Applications can be made by completing this application form and returning as directed by Friday, October 21st 2016. Selection interviews are to be held in Melbourne during October 2016.
## Section A: Applicant Details

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Section E: Personal Employment History

Please list details of employer(s), duties and dates of employment:

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Section F: Referees

Please provide two referees and their contact information, including at least one professional referee. Referees provided by applicants may be contacted without prior notice being given to the applicant.

**Referee One**

- **Given Name:**
- **Surname:**
- **Relationship to Applicant:**
- **Phone:**
- **Mobile:**
- **Email:**

**Referee Two**

- **Given Name:**
- **Surname:**
- **Relationship to Applicant:**
- **Phone:**
- **Mobile:**
- **Email:**

Section G: Consent & Acknowledgment

Gardiner Dairy Foundation is funding this Study Tour and shall continue to work to build a positive future for the Victorian Dairy Industry. By signing this application, you consent to Gardiner Dairy Foundation contacting you in the future to provide you with:

1. information about the Study Tour
2. information about any activities in support of the Victorian Dairy Industry
3. an opportunity to contribute to the development of promotional materials for Gardiner Dairy Foundation

Section H: Signature

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Please provide responses to the following questions on a separate document.

**Personal Development**

1. How will you contribute to the dairy industry in the next 5 years? Please include any new roles or activities you wish to undertake.

2. How do you intend to achieve your personal and/or professional goals? Eg. Member of discussion group, through a mentoring relationship, being involved in dairy industry groups, becoming more involved in your local community

**Community Involvement**

3. Describe your involvement in your local community.

**Skills Development**

4. Describe the skills you have gained from your work and education to date and how they contribute to your career in the dairy industry.

5. What has been your proudest achievement to date and what have you learnt from this experience?

**Framework of Learning for New Zealand**

6. Please list items or topics that you believe would be relevant or of interest to you that should be included as educational and learning outcomes for the study tour of New Zealand.

**Industry Awareness**

7. Excluding milk price, what do you see as the most important issues for the Victorian dairy industry, and why?

8. What do you see as the important recent developments in the Victorian dairy industry?

9. What do you believe the role of the UDV and the VFF are in the Victorian agricultural industry?

The closing date for applications is **Friday, October 21st, 2016.**

After completing the application form, applicants are requested to attach their responses to questions on page 4 to this form and return to Ashlee Hammond, UDV Project and Policy Officer via:

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Melbourne VIC 3000

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**Fax**
(03) 9207 5576

If you have any enquiries, please call Ashlee Hammond on 0427 979 095 or (03) 9207 5556.