



Gardiner Dairy Foundation – United Dairyfarmers of Victoria 2021 Study Tour of Victoria

“DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS OF THE VICTORIAN DAIRY INDUSTRY”

Application Form

Background

The 2021 Study Tour of Victoria will replace the New Zealand Study tour in 2021. Victoria is the dairy heartland of Australia, home to world class farmers, research and production.

The Victorian tour is an exclusive opportunity to find out how dairy and other agricultural industries are building success by utilising new and innovative technologies. Technology is changing the face of food and fibre production around the world. From DairyBio and genomics to GPS cow management, this is the most exciting time to be in dairy.

This tour will give participants an in-depth insight into cutting edge science and practice and how they might adapt new processes and technologies in their dairy operations.

The study tour is organised by United Dairyfarmers of Victoria (UDV) and funded by the Gardiner Dairy Foundation.

The Tour

The selected participants will explore Victoria from the 28th of June until the 6th of July on a fully funded eight day tour. Key activities undertaken during the tour will include:

- Visit leading dairy farms utilising a variety of farm systems and technology;
- Tour dairy research and processing facilities;
- Visit industry stakeholders and learn about industry issues and advocacy work;
- Meet leading industry representatives;
- 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;
- Live and work in Victoria
- Be available for travel between the 28th of June and the 6th of July;
- Actively participate in the dairy industry - either on or off-farm;
- Be enrolled in or have completed tertiary studies related to the dairy industry e.g. Certificate II, III, or IV or Bachelor degree; OR proven participation in dairy industry short course(s) such as those run by GippsDairy, Westvic Dairy, Murray Dairy, DEDJTR and others;
- Agree to contribute to dairy industry publicity and promotion with the UDV and Gardiner Dairy Foundation; and
- Continue to build personal leadership skills and undertake leadership roles in the industry and/or community

Applications can be made by completing this application form and returning as directed by **9am Monday 10th May**. Selection interviews are to be held online or in Melbourne.

Section A: Applicant Details	
Given Name(s):	Preferred Name:
Surname:	Date of Birth:
Address:	
Postcode:	
Mobile:	
Email:	

Section B: Employment Details
Employer Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Mobile/Phone No.:
Email:

Section C: Curriculum vitae
Please attach an up to date CV with this application. Your CV should outline your personal employment history as well as details of your education over the last 5 years (this may include high school, TAFE, University, short courses and/or professional development you've undertaken).

Section D: Referees

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

Referee Name:

Relationship to applicant:

Mobile/Phone No.:

Email:

Section E: Applicant questionnaire

Please provide your response to the following questions in a separate document.

Personal Development

1. How will you contribute to the dairy industry in the next 5 years? Please limit your response to 300 words.
2. How do you intend to achieve your personal and/or professional goals? Please limit your response to 200 words.

Community Involvement

3. Describe your involvement in your local community? How has this helped you develop your leadership skills? Please limit your response to 200 words.

Skills Development

4. Describe the skills you have learned in the past five year that have helped you in your professional career. Please limit your response to 200 words.
5. What has been your proudest achievement to date and what have you learnt from this experience? Please limit your response to 300 words.

Framework of learning for Victoria

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 Victoria.

Industry Awareness

7. What do you see as the three most important social, political or economic issues for the Victorian dairy industry and why? Please limit your response to 300 words.
8. What do you see as the three most important farming or processing challenges in the Victorian dairy industry? Please limit your response to 300 words

9. What do you believe the role of the UDV and the VFF are in the Victorian agricultural industry? Why are they an important organisation? Please limit your response to 150 words.

Section F: 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 and the United Dairyfarmers of Victoria/ Victorian Farmers Federation 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 and the United Dairyfarmers of Victoria/ Victorian Farmers Federation.

Signature

Name:

Signature:

Date:

The closing date for applications is **9am Monday 10th May, 2021**.

Shortlisted applicants will be required to undertake an interview, either online or in Melbourne, on the 18th, 19th or 20th of May (dates subject to change).

After completing the application form, applicants are requested to attach their responses to questions on page 4 to this form and return to Patrick MacDonald, UDV Stakeholder Policy & Advocacy Advisor via:

Mail

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If you have any enquiries, please call Patrick MacDonald on 0417 165 784.