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**Cotton Research and  
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## *Part 1 - Summary Details*

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**CRDC Project Number:** CRDC1228

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**Project Title:** UNE Cotton Production Course Scholarship

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**Commencement Date:** 1/12    **Completion Date:** 12/13

**CRDC Research Program:** 4 People

## *Part 2 – Contact Details*

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**Date Submitted:** 19/3/15

## ***Part 3 – Scholarship or Sponsorship Report***

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*(Maximum two pages)*

### **1. How has the course assisted you in your day to day working life?**

The course increased my agronomic and economic knowledge of cotton production industries. This increased knowledge allowed me to increase the quality level of service I was able to provide for service clients that used my knowledge for agronomic consultation on irrigated cotton farms in the MIA and Lachlan valleys.

### **2. How has the course assisted you in your career path?**

The course increased the value of service I was adding to clients and in turn the level of value I brought to my employer (Elders), this accelerated my career and enabled more responsibility and opportunities to become available sooner.

### **3. What was the most valuable thing you got out of the course?**

The course provided a great networking opportunity which has since enabled me to connect with farmers, consultants and production managers.

### **4. How will completing the course benefit the industry?**

Greater consideration of integrated weed and pest management strategies. Increased understanding of the environments we farm in and the cultural and political considerations that we need to be aware of.

### **5. How do you intend to share the knowledge you have gained with other people in the cotton industry?**

Day to day consultation within my professional network and the clients I consult for.

### **6. Do you have any recommendations on how to improve the course?**

Run a Res school in the South (Griffith)

### **7. Please attach any supporting documentation or course completion transcript**

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Please email your report 30 days after course to: [research@crdc.com.au](mailto:research@crdc.com.au)