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Congratulations on the success you have had in your chosen industry. I write on behalf of the Queensland Overseas Foundation (QOF) to personally invite you to apply for our upcoming 2012 scholarships. The scholarships, which are valued up to \$7,000, give successful applicants the opportunity to live and work overseas in a country of their choice for up to two years. This year we are looking to increase the number of high calibre applicants by specifically reaching out to high-achieving Queenslanders, like you, to encourage you to apply.

Applications for the 2012 scholarships are open until 31 October. If you are a Queensland resident and have completed an apprenticeship or traineeship (Certificate III or above or a vocational Certificate IV or above) and gained work experience in the industry, you may be eligible to apply. This international, vocational experience is awarded to selected young tradespersons who have completed their formal apprenticeships or vocational training and are looking to take their recent qualifications to the next level.

QOF is a voluntary, non-profit organisation. Since 1976, QOF has provided young people with the opportunity to broaden their vocational horizons and improve their career prospects by working overseas. The scholarships present an invaluable opportunity for successful applicants to further their skills and careers. Past recipients have broadened their horizons by gaining an international perspective of their industry through on-the-job training with the best in the world.

The benefit to Queensland industries upon their return is immense. Employers have been known to favour recipients of awards such as these for the expanded skill sets an experience like this can provide. To apply for a Queensland Overseas Foundation scholarship, please visit www.qof.org.au. More information can be found on the website, or by joining the Queensland Overseas Foundation on Facebook or Twitter (@QOFoundation).

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Hall, Chair
Queensland Overseas Foundation

"The Queensland Overseas Foundation has changed my life. I wish for no better experience in life. I was able to fulfil my dream of learning from the best – the French"

Cheryl Callendar, Sous Chef, 2005

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