Conditions of Award*

1. The medal will be awarded annually to the student from The University of Queensland who is judged to have submitted the best Honours Thesis with a clear focus in agriculturally relevant research. All reports are to be prepared in accordance with the guidelines governing preparation of an Honours thesis as issued by The University of Queensland from time to time.

2. The paper may take the form of either a research exercise, or a review, or any other project. The eligibility for the medal and acceptance for the award judging being at the absolute discretion of a Judging Committee established by the AIAST Queensland Division for the purpose. Joint papers are not acceptable. Hence if more than one student works on the same experimental program as a part of their research project, to be eligible for the award each should study and report on different aspects of the work.

3. Reports should be no longer than is necessary to adequately describe the work undertaken and the main findings arising from it. Verbosity will be penalized.

4. A high standard of presentation is required. The criteria used in judging the reports are:
   - originality and significance of the work;
   - success in defining the problem and the objectives of the work;
   - success in achieving the stated objectives of the study;
   - methodology used in the project;
   - interpretation of the information gathered and awareness of its limitations;
   - clarity and presentation, including quality of illustrations where required, and grammar.

5. The judges will select the best two submissions for presentation in summary form at a general meeting of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, Queensland Division. The authors of these papers will be required to address the meeting for a period of not more than 15 minutes, and to answer questions on the material presented. The medal will be awarded on the basis of the written paper and this presentation of the summary.

6. The Judging Committee will ordinarily be composed of a Convenor and two others. The Committee will have the power to co-opt additional specialist referees to assist by grading the papers in each group, but final assessment of all papers remains the responsibility of the Judging Committee.

7. University staff and persons associated with the teaching of candidates shall not be judges or co-opted referees.

8. If in any one year no candidate reaches a standard to warrant the making of an award, the medal will not be awarded.

*Amended by the Queensland Division Committee, December 2006.
Who is eligible?

Applications are invited from students completing an Honours program after completing a three year degree, and who are undertaking research projects with a clear focus in agriculturally relevant research in one of the degree programs offered by The University of Queensland, to submit their Honours Thesis for the W.W. Bryan Memorial Medal.

The W.W. Bryan Medal is awarded by the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology (Queensland Division) on the basis of written (75%) and oral (25%) presentations. Two finalists will be selected and the authors will be invited to make an oral presentation at the Institute meeting to be held at 6pm on Wednesday, 23 November 2011 at the UQ St Lucia campus. Refreshments will be served prior to the presentation. All Honours students, their supervisors, and any other interested parties are invited to attend. Bryan Medal finalists will be guests of the Institute.

How to apply?

Applications are in the form of the best Honours thesis for programs offered by The University of Queensland. To be eligible for the W.W. Bryan Medal students must submit two (2) unbound copies of their project to the Student Centre, Gatton Campus by 5pm Friday, 28 October 2011.

Any student who is submitting for the W.W. Bryan Medal should ensure that they have read the Conditions of Award (see back of this brochure).

HISTORY OF THE W.W. BRYAN MEMORIAL MEDAL

Dr W.W. (Wilf) Bryan retired in August 1972 from the CSIRO Division of Tropical Agronomy after a highly successful career in plant breeding and pasture agronomy. He was on the teaching staff of the Queensland Agricultural College for over 20 years during which time his major achievement was the breeding of hybrid maize varieties which have been widely grown in Queensland.

During his 21 years with CSIRO he led the team which developed productive and profitable sown pastures for the coastal lowlands (Wallum) of southern Queensland. He was awarded the DAgriSc degree from The University of Queensland.

The Australian Institute of Agricultural Science Technology (AIAST) established the W.W. Bryan Memorial Medal in 1976 to recognise Dr Bryan’s contribution to Agricultural Science.

The medal is struck in bronze, the face side being identical with the Institute Medal and the reverse side carrying an inscription giving the name of the award, the winner’s name and the year.

A $250 cash prize accompanies the medal.