1. Background

a. Established in 2019 by a gift from the James Murphy Bursaries Trust, this Scholarship supports undergraduate students undertaking studies in agriculture, including sustainable agriculture and food security. The Scholarship is awarded on the basis of financial need and academic merit. The James Murphy Bursaries Trust was established by William James Murphy in 1922.

2. Eligibility

a. Applicants must be commencing or continuing students in one of the following programs in the Faculty of Science at the University of Sydney:
   I. Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Agriculture),
   II. Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Food and Agribusiness),
   III. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, or
   IV. Bachelor of Food and Agribusiness.

b. Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial need.

c. Applicants must identify, or must have parents who identify, as Catholic.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:

   I. academic merit,
   II. supporting documentation and a personal statement which provides evidence of financial need and any other relevant hardship, and
   III. a letter from the applicant’s parish priest confirming that the applicant or his or her parents are known to the priest as identifying as Catholic.

b. The Scholarship will be awarded on the nomination of a selection committee consisting of the Dean of the Faculty of Science and the Head of School of Life and Environmental Sciences, or their nominated delegates.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at $7,500 per annum and is tenable for one year only.

b. The Scholarship annual value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.

c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Dean of the Faculty of Science or their nominee, and it is not transferable to another University school, faculty or university with prior approval.
d. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

e. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum Semester Average Mark (SAM) of 60 each semester.

b. Recipients undertaking an exchange during the tenure of this Scholarship are required to have achieved a Satisfied Requirements grade (SR) to receive their next payment.

6. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

   I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
   II. commences part-time study without prior approval,
   III. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
   IV. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their Scholarship application,
   V. is awarded an alternative primary scholarship. In such circumstances this scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where the alternative scholarship is of higher value,
   VI. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
   VII. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

b. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated unless due to University error.

c. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course, the University reserves the right to request that any Scholarship funds paid to the Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.