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Fitzroy Fellowship offers \$25K for resourceful people

People with a passion for natural resource management can now apply for a \$25,000 bursary to develop their knowledge and skills.

The Fitzroy Fellowship will provide up to \$25,000 for one individual living or working in the Fitzroy region to undertake personal development to become a local 'champion' of natural resource management.

The Fellowship is part of a \$700,000 Innovation Fund from the Fitzroy Basin Association Inc (FBA) to foster new thinking in farming sustainability and ways to protect and restore our local environment.

FBA Chief Executive Officer Suzie Christensen said the Fitzroy Fellowship would cover the cost of activities such as study, training and travel anywhere in Australia or overseas.

"The fellowship might enable someone to study an emerging area of agriculture or environmental management or do work experience with an innovative organisation or group in another part of the world," Ms Christensen said.

"Or it might help them attend a workshop or training course designed to improve their skills in areas such as leadership, media relations, public speaking, facilitating, or community engagement," she said.

"Whatever the activity or combination of activities, applicants need to show they will use the fellowship to enhance their ability to promote and lead the sustainable use of resources in the Central Queensland region.

"Potential applicants might include farmers and land managers, people working in natural resource management fields, environmentalists, scientists, and students."

Ms Christensen said a condition of winning the Fellowship was that the winner must share or demonstrate their new skills or knowledge with the wider community through a presentation, event or workshop.

"The Fitzroy Fellowship will help build the capacity of our region to respond to current and emerging natural resource management issues, by helping to create more skilled individuals in the field," she said.

She said application forms and guidelines were available on the FBA website at www.fba.org.au, under 'Opportunities', or by phoning 49992800, or emailing innovations@fba.org.au.

Applications for the Fitzroy Fellowship must be received by FBA by Thursday 31 July, 2008.

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