



**THE EDGAR PYE
RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP
A £3000 FUND FOR 2025**



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The Edgar Pye Research Scholarship Trust (Registration Charity No. 1004754) was founded following the untimely death of R. Edgar Pye in July 1989, President of the Society of Feed Technologists, to perpetuate his memory by offering research scholarships relating to the animal feed industry.

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Trustees, Committee and Judging Panel for 2025

The Society of Feed Technologists undertakes the management of the Trust and the Research Scholarship. The activities of the Trust are financed from a modest investment fund and the generosity of sponsors without whom the award levels would not be possible.

Trustees:

Richard Remmer (Chairman), Inge Verwoerd (Secretary), John Long, George Perrott (Treasurer), Dr John Dunne and David Wilde.

Committee Members:

In addition to the Trustees above Dr. Jules Taylor-Pickard is a committee member.

Judging Panel:

John Dunne, David Wilde, Richard Remmer and Dr. Jules Taylor-Pickard have been appointed judges for 2025. The judges are at liberty to seek specialist assistance as required.

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The Research Project.

A research-based project is chosen competitively and may be in any area of farm animal feeding including animal nutrition, management, welfare, feed production and marketing. The project can be undertaken in the UK or Ireland, or based on study travel.

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Who Should Apply?

The Trust welcomes applications from anyone studying agriculture or a related subject, or who is already employed in the Animal Feed Industry in the UK or Ireland, and is resident in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland.

The Basis on which Edgar Pye Research Scholarships will be Awarded:

The award will be given to the applicant, who, in the opinion of the panel of judges, has most capably:

- Identified an area of research relevant to the UK and Irish Compound Feed Industry in the forthcoming five years
- Prepared a programme thoroughly, including sources of information
- Provided a realistic budget for the costs of the project
- Presented the proposals clearly and according to the rules

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The Benefits of being awarded an Edgar Pye Research Scholarship:

- For 2024, an award of £2000 was given.
- Early exposure to the feed industry with enhanced employment opportunities.
- Contributing to developments in the animal feed industry.

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The Rules:

1. Closing date for submission - 31st October 2025. Applications should be sent to secretary@sft.uk.com
2. Applications should be typewritten, double-spaced, not exceeding 5000 words and single sided on A4 paper.
3. The proposed research must be within the broad subject areas of farm animal feeding including animal nutrition, management, welfare, feed production and marketing. Please ask if uncertain.
4. The project must be fully described, the objects set out clearly, a budget of costs provided and a timetable for the project's completion and the submission of a draft paper.
5. Applications will be considered by a panel of judges appointed by the Trustees of the Edgar Pye Research Scholarship Trust.
6. The amount awarded to a successful applicant will be at the discretion of the judges.
7. More than one applicant may receive an award at the discretion of the judges.
8. The decision of the judges is final.
9. Those awarded a scholarship will be required to present the scholarship research project at an SFT conference within 18 months of the award or at a time agreed with the Trustees. Travel expenses to the conference will be reimbursed.
10. Those to be awarded a scholarship will be informed by 30th November 2025 and the award paid shortly afterwards.

Award Given in 2024:

- Faecal calprotectin as a biomarker for gut inflammation in dairy heifers treated with probiotics.

This project received £2000

ABOUT THE SOCIETY OF FEED TECHNOLOGISTS (SFT)

The SFT, which manages the Edgar Pye Research Scholarship Trust, was established for the furtherance of knowledge amongst professional members of the Animal Feed Industry in the UK and Ireland. It hosts several conferences each year, and enjoys a membership of Animal Nutritionists, Field Advisors, Senior Technical Managers, Production Managers, General Managers, Directors and others. Conference papers are available online for members on a wide range of subjects.

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SFT NextGen is a group within SFT which has been established for those who are:

- Potentially interested in careers in the animal feed industry e.g., Undergraduates, Postgraduate students, Career's advisers.
- In their early career years in the industry.
- Established in the feed industry but seeking a broader and deeper knowledge.



Activities incorporate a range of topics related to the aims of the SFT and the Continuing Personal Development of its members to encourage their contribution to the future success of the SFT and the animal feed industry. Membership of NextGen is free.

SPONSORS OF THE EDGAR PYE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

The Trust gratefully acknowledges the support in 2024 of John Long, Devenish, Trouw Nutrition, DSM, Zinpro, Lallemand and Saad Giliani who donated his speaker's honorarium, without which the Trust would not be able to support the scholarship.



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