



JOHN EDGAR TRUST

2008 / 2009 Awards

Management Training Course



*Applications are now invited for places on the 2008 / 2009 John Edgar Trust Business Management Course. The training is by way of a **full scholarship** and **no charge is made**.*

The **John Edgar Trust** was set up by the many friends of the late John Edgar to perpetuate his memory. He was a highly respected Hampshire farmer who died at an early age in 1970 and who helped many young people and others to develop their careers and progression in farming

The Trust provides a fund, currently being used to assist farmers and professionals from within the rural sector in southern England by providing a management development course every two years. This course covers:

- Managing Human Resources
- Business Practice, Taxation and Law
- Planning and Financial Resource Management
- Media Management
- Leadership
- Practical Case studies and Seminars

The lead tutor is Professor John Alliston, Dean of the School of Agriculture at the Royal Agricultural College. He is assisted by Dr. James Jones who is the College's Principal lecturer and Head of Farm Management. Other academics, professionals and leaders from inside and outside the industry also provide training.

The course is participative and applicable to practical management situations and planning for the future. The Management Development Scheme will provide an opportunity for the development of knowledge and management skills and will centre around a series of one 5-day course and two 4-day courses during the period November 2008 to March 2009.

The course will be administered by the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester

Selection Criteria

The objective of the course is to develop the individual's skills and abilities to enable them to become a positive and powerful asset to their business and through that, to the industry as a whole.

On the basis of the unique opportunity that the course provides and the small number of places available, it is evident that the participants should be exceptional people who will benefit enormously from not only the programmed events, but also the chance to share the experience with like-minded individuals and learn from each other.

The selection panel will seek to identify individuals who are already established in a career and are in, or about to take up a position where they will be required to make management decisions. They will also aim to gather a balanced group that can learn from each other and show commitment to benefiting from the skills learnt. Successful applicants in the past have mostly been in the age range between their mid twenties to late thirties.

Candidates must confirm their ability to attend the whole programme. Those selected will be asked to support the aims and activities of the Trust in the future.

How to Apply for a Place

Applicants should be based in southern England and established in a career in or associated with agriculture or the land-based industries.

To apply, complete an application form (available on the website or from the Course Administrator) and return it before **May 23rd 2008**.

Interviews will be held by invitation at the RAC on **Thursday June 12th 2008**.

Important Dates

23 rd May 2008	Closing date for applications
12 th June 2008	Selection Interviews (by invitation) Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester
24 th - 28 th November 2008	5-day tutored course Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester
12 th – 15 th January 2009	4-day case study course Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge
10 th – 13 th March 2009	4-day case study course Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge

Comments from Previous Scholars

"The JET course has given me the confidence and understanding to purchase my own site for my business – and plan its future development."

"The content of the course is complemented by the experiences of the scholars, and offers a fresh perspective on the business of farming in the 21st century."

"The JET Course has greatly enhanced my confidence in tackling the challenges that face the modern day food producer. I have met a group of people that will remain friends for the rest of my career."

"The insight we gained of a number of rural businesses, many run by past scholars, has left a lasting impression and has assisted me in my day-to-day work."

"We have all benefited enormously from all aspects of the Course, having gained a wealth of knowledge. We all enjoyed the work immensely, though at times we certainly found it tough going.....Thanks for giving us the chance."

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