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Calling for the next generation of rural specialists

Elders has opened applications for its 2013/2014 traineeship program as part of a long term investment for Elders and for professional service in the agricultural industry.

People with a passion for agriculture and rural Australia are encouraged to apply for an Elders traineeship, which provides trainees with an in-depth understanding of agribusiness as well as a nationally recognised qualification.

Elders group general manager Australia network, David Goodfellow said that the Elders traineeship program serves to help address the skills shortage in regional Australia, and gives young people the opportunity to forge a career in agriculture.

“The Elders traineeship program develops a new generation of rural specialists within Australia to support our primary producers, while also allowing young people to see that agriculture has an exciting future,” Mr Goodfellow said.

“The trainees work with experienced Elders staff to learn the business of stock and station agency, including how to prepare and select stock for sale, providing advice on farm inputs and livestock products, and building client relationships,” he said.

“Elders has a long history in providing first-class training in agriculture, and has trained more professionals located in rural Australia than any other organisation.”

Trainees undergo an 18 month program, where they are placed in various branches and roles around the country, providing a comprehensive exposure to all areas of the business.

On successful completion of the traineeship program, trainees will gain a Certificate 4 in Agriculture, and will be placed in an operational role within the company, where possible.

Applications are open until Friday, 9 August, 2013. More information can be found on the Elders website at www.elders.com.au/traineeships.

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