

Emma is one of the 2020 Nuffield scholars

Emma Patterson-Taylor from Edinburgh is one of the 2020 Nuffield Farming Scholars announced today. She is a project manager with the Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society and the funding will enable her research into the 'position of farming in the public consciousness'.

Bill Gray, RHASS Chairman, said: "RHASS is proud to support those with an ambition to expand their knowledge in support of the food and farming industry. Emma was not born into a farming family, yet has chosen to work in the sector so has a unique perspective on our industry. We very much look forward to the findings of her study into the position of farming in the public consciousness as this is something we need to understand to help us build a deeper understanding between producer and consumer."

Commenting on her award, Emma added: "I'm delighted to be supported by RHASS and hugely appreciate the opportunity and research they are enabling me to undertake. Over the last few years RHASS and I have both been part of the group that set up and established Women in Agriculture Scotland so it's wonderful to keep working together."



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Emma is one of nineteen Scholars from across UK who will travel across the globe to study their chosen topics.

Mike Vacher, Nuffield Director said : “UK agriculture is navigating through a period of uncertainty and change – environmentally, socially and politically.

“Our 2020 Scholars were selected from a talented and

passionate group of applicants for their ability to lead positive change in their sectors as well as their potential to inspire others to do the same over the course of their travels and beyond.

“We have an exciting range of study topics this year and, on behalf of the Trust, I’d like to wish the 2020 Scholars the very best as they prepare to start to their journeys. I know that they have the ability to not only guide British agriculture through these uncertain times, but to help make it stronger than ever before.”

Aoife Behan is another Edinburgh based Nuffield scholar who will be supported by the MacRobert Trust. She will research *Policies for a transition to agroecology by 2045 (Scotland)*.

Every year about 20 Nuffield Farming Scholarships are awarded in the UK to young people between the ages of 22 and 45 from across the agricultural industry. There is no need for formal qualifications in order to apply for a Nuffield Scholarship; instead, the Trust looks to unlock an individual’s potential and broaden horizons through study and travel overseas. Scholars are selected with a view to developing tomorrow’s leaders within their individual business and the industry as a whole.