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## Queensland science student wins international travel scholarship

Queensland high school student Amy Rose is New Zealand-bound after receiving national recognition in the form of a travelling scholarship.

Amy, a Year 11 Pittsworth State High School student, has been awarded the annual PICSE/Dow AgroSciences Travelling Scholarship Award for Excellence in Science. Part of the prize is a week of work experience at the Dow AgroSciences' Waireka Global Discovery Research Station, 15 km south of New Plymouth on the North Island of New Zealand.

Australia's Primary Industry Centre for Science Education (PICSE) promotes careers in the sciences related to primary industries to students and teachers Australia-wide. PICSE's National Manager, Delivery and Quality Assurance, Kay Lembo, says the industry placement is the pinnacle of a student scholarship program organised by PICSE and funded by Dow AgroSciences.

"These scholarships recognise students who are demonstrating interest in, and excelling at science, thus providing them with a unique, practical experience of what their future career path might include," Ms Lembo explained.

PICSE Program Manager Gordon Stone said that Amy was chosen from a national pool of high-quality nominees because of her talent, skills and dedication to studies of science at the Pittsworth State High School.

"Amy's experience in New Zealand will highlight the international career pathways in agricultural science, and give her a chance to get a real feel for the importance of and range of roles for science in the community and in the primary industries sector," Mr Stone said.

*Photo Caption: Amy Rose with Kay Limbo (PICSE National Manager, Delivery and Quality Assurance)*

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