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Wilmar offers sweet new graduate opportunities

Australia's largest raw sugar producer has launched its 2020 graduate program to bolster its engineering ranks in North Queensland.

Training and Development Manager Scott Young said Wilmar Sugar Australia was seeking five engineering graduates to work across its four milling regions from next year.

"It is a great opportunity for people who are about to finish their degree in electrical, civil or mechanical engineering to kick-start their career," Mr Young said.

"Graduates take the theory they've learnt throughout their degree and apply it to billions of dollars of raw sugar milling assets."

Assistant Production Superintendent Blair Aspinall said the experience and exposure she had gained through Wilmar's graduate program had been invaluable.

"I started with Wilmar in 2015 after graduating as a chemical engineer from the University of Queensland, and I would highly recommend Wilmar's graduate program to any other final-year engineering students," Ms Aspinall said.

"It is a fantastic opportunity, where one person organises and guides the graduates through everything during the program.

"Senior managers were always touching base to see how we were doing and how they could help. The mentoring has been amazing."

Ms Aspinall said she had been given opportunities she may not have received in other graduate programs and was now the Assistant Production Superintendent at Wilmar's Kalamia Mill in the Burdekin.

"There was on-going investment in training the graduates for programs like SAP, through to mill production, cane supply and cane payments.

"Wilmar's program is really well set up with plenty of relevant courses to help graduates advance their careers," Ms Aspinall said.

Mr Young said the company was seeking three electrical engineering graduates, one mechanical and one civil engineering graduate for next year's intake.

Applications are now open and close on 30 September.

Wilmar Sugar Australia is the nation's largest raw sugar producer, the largest producer of renewable electricity from biomass and a leading manufacturer of ethanol products.

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Photo: Blair Aspinall from graduate to Assistant Production Superintendent