



Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment

Guidelines

The Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment* invites applications for post-graduate student research support in ecology, wildlife management and natural history studies. Preference will be given to students in the early stage of a Doctoral program at an Australian University. Masters and Honours projects will normally not be supported.

Grants of **up to \$7,500** will be awarded for the purchase of equipment, supplies, travel to study areas and conferences. We would prefer that all the funds requested for the student's research be allocated for the work of the student and not for the general administration of the School or Department. We consider that the Government should be providing funds for that purpose.

These grants will be renewable for a period of 2 to 3 years provided that the student maintains satisfactory progress. Grants are not available to individuals but are made only to organisations to which gifts are deductible under Section 30-15 of the Federal Income Tax Assessment Act. The Endowment offers two (2) funding rounds per annum, **1 April** and **1 August**, however students are only eligible to receive *one grant per year*. Students who applied for a grant and were unsuccessful can re-apply at the next funding round.

Applications in three general areas are especially encouraged:

- **Wildlife management** relating to sport hunting, harvesting, pest control, management of non-game animals, and effect of land management on native species;
- **Conservation biology and biodiversity** studies relating to the management of protected areas and rare or threatened species in Australia;
- Field work on Australian **native plants and animals** to gain understanding of ecological interactions, population dynamics, animal behaviour, and species distribution.

Applications are due by 5pm on 1 April and 1 August each year

Please note:

- Late applications cannot be accepted.
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by mid-June (for April applicants) and mid-November (for August applicants).
- If you have any questions or require further information, please email: charitabletrusts@anz.com

* The Endowment is part of ANZ Trustees Foundation. ANZ Trustees Limited (ANZ Trustees) is the sole Trustee.



1. NEW APPLICANTS

For students who have not previously received a grant from the Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment.

Students who applied for a grant and were unsuccessful can re-apply at the next funding round.

How to apply:

1. Administration Requirements

- a. Provide an **Executive Summary** (one-page statement) on University Letterhead describing the project, its duration and the budget for the year.

It must state the student's enrolment classification and be signed by the **Student** and their **Supervisor**.

2. Grant Application Requirements

- a. Complete the [New Applicant Form](#)
- b. Attach a detailed **project description** (three-five pages) with reference to relevant research.
- c. Provide the **projected total budget for the year** and **total budget for the project**, including any administrative and technical support provided by the University and other organisations.
- d. Provide the **project schedule or timeline** for the year, and for the total project (with approximate schedule of the field work).
- e. Attach a copy of the student's **university academic record**.
- f. *An optional* one page resume of your employment, volunteer activities, recreation activities or hobbies that relate to your interests in scientific research or environmental concerns.

How to submit a New Application:

New Applicants must submit the **Administration and Grant Application documents** to trustapp@anz.com **before 5pm on 1 April** (Round 1) or **1 August** (Round 2).

Important notes:

- Most Universities set a 3 year limit on PhD student registration but some exceptions apply, especially for part-time students. For funding purposes the **maximum grant for a project will be \$22,500** and it will normally be made in 3 payments.
- Travel to appropriate scientific conferences is encouraged but the budget item should not exceed \$500 in each of the first 2 years of the project. In the final year, the student may budget up to \$2,000 to attend an international conference. The total conference travel budget for the project is limited to \$3,000.



General Conditions

- Acceptance of funding from the **Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment - ANZ Trustees Foundation** - will imply that research involving animal experimentation will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines of the Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes. It must also pass the recognised Animal Ethics Committee of their institution. Permission from the appropriate land custodians must also be obtained.
- Acceptance of grant funds will also imply that permits will be obtained from the relevant government authorities if the research requires permission to work in National Parks or other protected areas, or to collect plant and animal specimens.
- The student should be encouraged to attend and present papers or posters at scientific conferences. The budget for the project may include travel to conferences. Acknowledgment of support from the **Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment – ANZ Trustees Foundation** is expected in presentations and publications.
- A progress report must be submitted each calendar year even if additional funds are not required.
- A final report in the form of published papers or a copy of the thesis (hard copy or CD) would be appreciated.



2. CONTINUING GRANT APPLICANTS

For students who have previously received a grant from the Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment.

Students are only eligible to receive one continuing grant per calendar year. Students who applied for a continuing grant and were unsuccessful can re-apply at the next funding round.

How to apply:

1. Administration Requirements

- a. Provide an **Executive Summary** (one-page statement) on University Letterhead detailing the progress of the project (achievements and challenges) and any changes to the original project objectives.

It must state the student's enrolment classification and be signed by the **Student** and their **Supervisor**.

2. Grant Application Requirements

- a. Complete the [Continuing Applicant Form](#)
- b. Attach a **progress report** (three-five pages) highlighting project achievements and challenges.

A detailed project description is not required unless a major change has been made in the objectives, methods, or duration of the project. Changes in the objectives of the research, funding arrangements, or planned completion date must be reported.

- c. Provide a **breakdown or statement of expenditure** for the past year and a **projected total budget for the following year**.
- d. Provide the **project schedule or timeline** for the year, and for the total project (with approximate schedule of the field work).

How to submit a Continuing Application:

Continuing Applicants must submit the **Administration and Grant Application documents** to trustapp@anz.com **before 5pm on 1 April** (Round 1) or **1 August** (Round 2).

General Conditions

- A final report in the form of published papers or a copy of the thesis (hard copy or CD) would be appreciated.