

Australian Wildlife Society

University Research Grants

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

The Australian Wildlife Society University Research Grants are scholarships offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities. Each year, ten \$1,500 grants are awarded. **Applicants must be a member of the Society** www.aws.org.au.

Grants are available for research projects of direct relevance to the conservation of Australian wildlife - plant or animal. Grants may be used for the purchase of equipment and consumables, travel expenses related to field research, or attendance at conferences at which you are presenting your work. The grant is paid directly to the student.

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Applications should be a maximum of 3-4 pages (12 point font), including a brief CV and should be set out under the headings below (a reference list is not required).

APPLICATIONS EXCEEDING FOUR PAGES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Introduction: Briefly introduce the background to your research topic, specify the project's aims, and outline its importance to the conservation of wildlife.

Methods: Briefly outline your proposed methodology. We require only sufficient detail to demonstrate that your aims are achievable. Remember that the assessors may not be familiar with your field of research. You must also indicate that you have obtained (or at least applied for) any relevant research licences, permits or approvals (including animal ethics).

Schedule: Outline a proposed timeframe for the completion of your project, listing major milestones, including the submission of a final report to the AWS.

Budget: Itemise the expenses involved in conducting your research. Any funds already secured from other sources must also be declared. (This will not reduce your chances of success, provided there are necessary items in your budget that are not yet funded).

Brief CV: The final page of your application should consist of a short CV, which should demonstrate your ability to produce results of a high standard within a limited timeframe. Also include the details of two referees who can comment on the proposed project, one of whom should be your academic supervisor. A current postal address is to be provided.

Please prepare your application as a single 'Word' document, and submit it as an email attachment to info@aws.org.au. For convenience, it would be helpful to name your file according to the format: 'Your Name AWS Grant Year', e.g. 'Joe Bloggs AWS Grant 2020'.

Closing Date: Applications are due by 31st May each year. Applicants will be notified by mail in July.

CONDITIONS OF SPONSORSHIP

Recipients of Australian Wildlife Society grants will be requested to acknowledge the Society's contribution in all publications and presentations arising from their project. In addition, recipients will be required to submit a brief report on their project to the Society for use in the Society's magazine, *Australian Wildlife*.