

2020 University Student Grants Scheme - Winners

The Australian Wildlife Society's University Research Grants are scholarships offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities. Each year, ten grants of \$1,500 are awarded. 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 Australian Wildlife Society is delighted to announce the winners of the ten grants of \$1,500 each to honours or postgraduate students conducting research that will contribute to the conservation of Australian wildlife. **The winners for 2020 are:**

ANGELA RANA

School of Life and Environmental Sciences,
University of Sydney

Project Title:

Assessing the success of the rewilding of small mammals into North Head

BALI LEE

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health,
University of Tasmania

Project Title:

Are microplastics causing inflammation in seabirds?

BEN STEP KOVITCH

School of Biological, Earth and Environmental
Sciences, University of New South Wales

Project Title:

Ecosystem effects of western quoll (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) reintroduction on prey species inside a fenced reserve

CAROLYN WHEELER

ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef
Studies, James Cook University

Project Title:

A novel approach to investigate reproduction in a model shark species threatened by ocean warming

CHRISTINE MAUGER

School of Biological Sciences, University of
Queensland

Project Title:

The effect of fire regimes on habitat structure, demography and predator avoidance in northern brown bandicoots (*Isodon macrourus*) and northern quolls (*Dasyurus hallucatus*)

EMILY JARVIS

School of Biological Sciences, Monash
University

Project Title:

Artificial microhabitat use of the agile antechinus (*Antechinus agilis*) in wet-forest environments

JOSHUA ZIMMERMAN

School of Environmental and Rural Science,
University of New England

Project Title:

Next-generation sequencing of *Felis catus* in Australia: Helping to elucidate feral cat population dynamics and interaction with domestic cats

JULIANNA SANTOS

School of Ecosystem & Forest Sciences,
University of Melbourne

Project Title:

Mammals on the move in fire-driven mosaics

MOSES OMOGBEME

School of Veterinary & Life Sciences, Murdoch
University

Project Title:

Dingoes and trophic interactions in landscape-scale cell fencing

KELLY WILLIAMS

School of Life Sciences, La Trobe University

Project Title:

Surviving predators: Assessing antipredator behaviours in an endangered wallaby to improve threatened species conservation