

2021 University Research Grant 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 (flora or fauna). Grants may be used to purchase 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 2021 are:**

GRACIE LIU

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

Project Title:

How can we improve frog conservation in fragmented landscapes? Closing the gap with a novel genetic approach

GRANT LINLEY

Institute for Land, Water and Society, Charles Sturt University

Project Title:

The influence of landscape-scale fire refuges and pyrodiversity on mammal communities following an unprecedented megafire

KYLE BREWER

Clinical and Health Sciences, University of South Australia

Project Title:

pH-Responsive 1080 implants for the mitigation of the cat-astrophic predation of native animal populations

BETHANY NORDSTROM

School of Biological Sciences, University of Western Australia

Project Title:

Assisted colonisation of the western swamp turtle

BIANCA KEYS AND KARLI MYLIUS

Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania

Project Title:

Assessing microplastic exposure through non-invasive examination of guano in resident Tasmanian shorebirds

ERICA DURANTE

Future Industries Institute, University of South Australia

Project Title:

Investigating the age and growth of an endemic octopus species

GOD'SPOWER OKOH

Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, James Cook University

Project Title:

Investigating herpesvirus infections in Australian wildlife

PATRICK FINNERTY

School of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Sydney

Project Title:

Strategically exploiting plant odours to manipulate mammalian herbivore foraging behaviours as a conservational tool

SHAE JONES

School of Earth, Atmospheric and Life Sciences, University of Wollongong

Project Title:

Do arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi help grasses in heat waves?

JENNA DRAPER

School of Biological Sciences, University of Adelaide

Project Title:

Conservation utility of *Pimelea microcephala* subsp. *microcephala* to arid zone frugivores and pollinators