

Australian Wildlife Society

University Research Grants



The Australian Wildlife Society's University Research Grants are offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities conducting research that contributes to the conservation of Australian wildlife (flora or fauna).

Ten grants are awarded each year: one \$5,000 scholarship and nine \$3,000 grants. The Dr Clive Williams OAM Memorial Wildlife Conservation Scholarship is awarded to the highest-ranked applicant of all our University Research Grants. **Applicants must be a member of the Society.** Student membership is free and you can join via our website www.aws.org.au. Please send a copy of your student ID to accounts@aws.org.au

Grants may be used to purchase equipment and consumables, travel expenses related to field research, or attend conference where you present your research. **The grant is paid directly to the student.**

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Applications should be a maximum of four 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

Title: Please state the title of your research project. Underneath the title, please include your name, school, and university.

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

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 completing your project, listing significant milestones, including submitting a final report/article to the Australian Wildlife Society by the first week of September.

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 your budget has necessary items that are not yet funded).

Brief CV: The final page of your application should consist of a short CV demonstrating your ability to produce high standard results. Also include the details of two referees who can comment on the proposed project, one of whom should be your academic supervisor.

Please prepare your application as a single Word document and submit it as an email attachment to info@aws.org.au. Please name your file: 'Your Name AWS Grant Year', e.g., 'John Smith AWS Grant 2024'.

CLOSING DATE: APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 31 MAY EACH YEAR

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL 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 final report/article on their project for inclusion in the Society's magazine *Australian Wildlife*.

Dr Clive Williams OAM

Memorial Wildlife Conservation Scholarship

Dr Clive Williams OAM Memorial Wildlife Conservation Scholarship is named in Honour of Dr Clive Williams OAM. Clive joined the Society in 1986 and served on the Board of Directors for over thirty years. Clive significantly contributed to the Society's major wildlife conservation projects, including Towra Point Nature Reserve rehabilitation and restoration work for migratory wading birds, Rockdale Wetland Corridor restoration, and National Tree Day programs.

