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Ecological Consultants Association of NSW Student and Research Grants 2015

- ◆ ECA of NSW Conservation Grant (\$2000)
- ◆ Ray Williams Mammal Research Grant (\$2000)

The Ecological Consultants Association of NSW supports ecological research in Australia and would like to award two grants each year to assist researchers to carry out their ecological projects.

Eligibility

To be eligible for either of the grants the applicant and project must fit the following criteria:

- Applicant must be or become a member of the Ecological Consultants Association of NSW in the year the grant is awarded
- The project must be carried out in Australia and its territories (preference will be given to projects that have application in NSW)
- The project must be an ecological study
- Applicant may be an enrolled undergraduate Honours student, a postgraduate Masters or PhD student or an ecologist undertaking a voluntary project (i.e. an unpaid research project)
- Applicant must obtain all necessary permits and licences to carry out the project.
- Applicant must be prepared to sign a grant agreement, which includes: the provision of a report on budget usage; a scientific paper for the ECA biannual newsletter *Consulting Ecology* within 12 months of the grant being awarded; a poster or spoken presentation at the ECA annual conference within 18 months of the grant being awarded.
- Successful applicants are eligible to reapply in subsequent years, however they must be able to demonstrate that progress has been made with the project.
- Unsuccessful applicants may apply in subsequent years.

Application and Assessment

- Applications must be submitted electronically to admin@ecansw.org.au by the **31st of March 2015** . You will be notified that your application has been received.
- The same application form may be used to apply for either grant.
- Applications must include an application form, accompanied by a current CV or academic transcript. Applications must be supported by two referees, which should include your academic supervisor if you have one.
- Applications will be assessed by the Student Liason and Grants Sub-committee of the Ecological Consultants Association of NSW Council. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the **15th of May 2015**.
- The following points will be used to assess applications:
 - The value of the project to conservation
 - The quality of the project
 - Justification of how the grant will be used
 - The track record of the applicant and the likelihood of the objectives being achieved
 - The relevance of the project to ecological consulting in NSW

Payment

- Prior to the provision of the grant funds, copies of all necessary permits and licences to carry out the project must be provided to the Ecological Consultants Association of NSW.
- Successful applicants must sign a **Grant Agreement** to receive 90% (\$1800) of the funding.
- The final 10% (\$200) received on provision of the budget report and scientific paper for inclusion in *Consulting Ecology*.

Conditions of the Grant Agreement

- Grant funds are to be exempt from organisational administration charges
- Successful applicant will provide the Ecological Consultants Association of NSW with a report of budget usage and a scientific paper for *Consulting Ecology* within 12 months of receipt of the grant. The scientific paper must include photographs and be more than 4 pages in length.
- Successful applicant will present a poster or spoken presentation at the ECA annual conference within 18 months of the grant being awarded.
- Successful applicant must acknowledge the assistance of the Ecological Consultants Association of NSW and list the award name (i.e. Ray Williams Mammal Research Grant or ECA Conservation Grant) in all documentation or presentation of the research undertaken.
- Academic supervisor/s have been made aware that your application is successful.
- The grant is to be used to fund direct costs of the project.