

Ecological Consultants Association of NSW Student and Research Grants 2020

- ◆ ECA of NSW Conservation Grant (\$2000)
- ◆ Ray Williams Mammal Research Grant (\$2000)
- ◆ Bushfire Ecology Research Grant (\$1000)

The Ecological Consultants Association of NSW supports ecological research in Australia and would like to award three 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 prepared to become a member of the Ecological Consultants Association of NSW in the year the grant is awarded, including signing the ECA code of ethics. Membership fee will be free to the winning applicants.
- 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). Applications should be submitted by the person proposing to undertake the actual works and not by a project supervisor.
- 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 **30 of April 2020**. You will be notified that your application has been received.
- The same application form may be used to apply for any / all of the three grants.
- 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 Liaison and Grants Sub-committee of the Ecological Consultants Association of NSW Council. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the **15th of June 2020**.
- 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 or \$900) of the funding.
- The final 10% (\$200 or \$100) 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 an article for *Consulting Ecology* within 12 months of receipt of the grant.
- 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, ECA Conservation Grant or Terrestrial Ecology Research 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.

Extra benefits

- Successful applicant will have the opportunity to present a poster or spoken presentation and receive complimentary attendance at an ECA annual conference within 18 months of the grant being awarded. (Travel costs not included).

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APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form electronically and email to admin@ecansw.org.au by 30th April 2020 and ensure that your application form does not exceed 4 pages.

PERSONAL DETAILS		
Title:	Name:	Date of Birth:
Address:		
Telephone Home:	Email:	
Telephone Work:		
Telephone Mobile:		
Occupation / Tertiary Qualifications / Student Status (degree etc) - summary (please provide a brief CV with your application)		
Institution Name and Address (if applicable):		
PROJECT INFORMATION		
Project Title:		
List names of other people working on the project:		
Name:	Role:	
Date of commencement:	Proposed date of completion:	
Project location:		

List other funding applications and whether they have been successful:

List two referees below (include name, address, phone number and email address). *If you are a student one must be your academic supervisor. Referees must have knowledge of your project and be able to comment on it. Academic supervisor or referees must be aware that you have applied for the grant and that they are listed on your application.*

Referee 1 (<i>supervisor Y or N</i>)	Referee 2 (<i>supervisor Y or N</i>)
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Project Aims:

Summary of methods and project design, including a timeline (indicate here if project is part of another):

Progress made to date (if applicable):

Outline ecological and conservation significance of the project and how it is relevant to ecological consulting in NSW:

Budget analysis (for entire project)

Component	List items	Estimated cost	Is this covered by other funding (Y or N)
Equipment			
Consumable items			
Travel expenses			
Other			

Please provide a statement of justification for funding request:

Declaration

I declare that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to the following conditions of the grant agreement, should my application be accepted and I am granted the award.

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Applicants Name:

Applicants Signature:

Date:

Office Use Only:

Date Application Received:

Reviewed By:

Decision:

Date:

Applicant Notified of decision:

Date: