

Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia Limited

University Research Grants

Instructions for applicants

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia University Research Grants are scholarships offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities. Each year, ten \$1,000 grants are awarded. Applicants must be a member of the Society, and those wishing to join can do so at www.wpsa.org.au

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.

Preparing your application for a Grant

Applications should be a maximum of 3-4 pages (12 point font), including a brief CV, and should be set out under the headings below.

APPLICATIONS EXCEEDING FOUR PAGES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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

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 the completion of your project, listing major milestones, including the submission of a final report to the WPSA.

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 there are necessary items in your budget that are not yet funded).

Brief CV: The final page of your application should consist of a short CV, which should demonstrate your ability to produce results of a high standard within a limited timeframe. 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@wpsa.org.au. For convenience, it would be helpful to name your file according to the format: 'Your Name WPSA Grant Year', eg 'Joe Bloggs WPSA Grant 2010'.

Closing Date: Applications are due by 31 May each year.

Conditions of sponsorship

Recipients of Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia 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 brief report on their project to the Society for use in the Society's magazine, *Australian Wildlife*.