

**2012 STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME**  
**Guidelines for funding**

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The Wet Tropics Management Authority invites proposals from postgraduate students to support environmental, social and cultural research which will benefit Wet Tropics World Heritage Area Management, policy development and operational decision making.

Well conceived projects, meeting the priorities of the [Wet Tropics Management Authority Research Strategy 2010-2014](#) and demonstrating scientific rigour and innovative research will be viewed favourably.

**Funding**

Funding of up to \$4,000 is available for PhD and masters research projects (maximum two years), and up to \$1,500 for honours projects (maximum one year).

Funding is available to support the purchase of minor items of equipment that can provide multiple use, field data collection, laboratory research and analysis of data. Travel assistance for presentation of research results at national and international conferences will also be considered.

**Funding priorities**

One of our key responsibilities of the [Wet Tropics Management Authority](#) is to promote research and help improve knowledge and management of about the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. WTMA will support research projects that are aligned with the key research areas and their associated questions which are covered in detail in the [Research Strategy](#).

**Who can apply?**

Honours, Masters and PhD students enrolled fulltime from any Australian University are eligible to apply.

**Closing date**

The closing date for the present round of submissions is **17 February 2012**.

**Application forms**

Can be downloaded [here](#).

**Assessment**

Assessment will be undertaken by the Wet Tropics Management Authority Student Research Grant committee comprising members of the [Wet Tropics Scientific Advisory Committee](#) and Authority staff. Applicants may be asked for additional information to support their application.

**Notification**

Applicants will be notified of their success or otherwise by **19 March 2012**.

**Enquiries**

For further information regarding applications for funding, please contact the Wet Tropics Management Authority on phone 07 4052 0523 or email [ellen.weber@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:ellen.weber@derm.qld.gov.au)

## About the Wet Tropics Management Authority

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The Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) is a Queensland Statutory Authority responsible for ensuring Australia's obligations under the [World Heritage Convention](#) is met that assists the [Queensland](#) and [Australian governments](#) in the challenging responsibility of ensuring the protection of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. The Authority's functions are to:

- develop and implement policies and programs for management of the Area
- formulate performance indicators for the implementation of approved policies and programs
- advise and make recommendations to the Minister and the Ministerial Council
- prepare and implement management plans for the Area
- administer funding arrangements
- rehabilitate and restore the Area
- gather, research, analyse and disseminate information on the Area
- develop public and community education programs
- promote the Area locally, nationally and internationally
- liaise with the Queensland and Australian Governments, agencies and international organisations
- monitor the state of the Area
- advise and report to the Minister and the Ministerial Council on the state of the Area.

## Objectives of the Student Research Grant Scheme

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The Authority's mission is to lead, inspire, advise and support the Australian and global community to protect and share the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area in perpetuity.

Research into the environmental, cultural and social value of the Wet Tropics has been fundamental to its management since before it was inscribed on the World Heritage Register.

The Authority has a well-established role in supporting, advising, guiding and partnering research and in interpreting and communicating research outcomes.

During 2010, the Authority completed a substantial review of its [Research and Information Needs Report](#) to produce a new [Research Strategy](#). As well as identifying key research needs, the strategy builds a foundation for the Authority's goal of establishing the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area as an internationally-recognised learning landscape.

Through this, the Authority seeks to support continued research, to build on the legacy of past research investment and to ensure knowledge generated in the Wet Tropics is accessible to rainforest and protected area managers elsewhere.