

2013 STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME

Guidelines for funding

Accumulated knowledge about the values of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and its governance and management represent a major asset.

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 (GST exc.) is available for PhD and Masters research projects, and up to \$1,500 (GST exc.) for Honours projects.

Funding is available to support research costs associated with field work, the purchase of equipment, field data collection, laboratory costs and data analysis.

Conditions of grants

- Applicants must be able to show proof of enrolment at an Australian university.
- The project must be carried out within Australia.
- All material published, including thesis document, presentations, and journal articles must acknowledge funding and support from the Wet Tropics Management Authority.
- Funds granted must be spent on the activities as described in the application.
- In the event of cancellation of a funded activity, the Wet Tropics Management Authority must be notified in writing and the unspent funds returned to immediately.
- A two-page summary report must be provided to the Wet Tropics Management Authority within one month of the completion of the project. If this is not submitted by the student then it will be the responsibility of the student's supervisor. The brief summary report will include the major findings and outcomes, the significance of the research findings to the management of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and suggestions for future research.
- The Wet Tropics Management Authority reserves the right to publish the summary report on its website and in its publications.

Who can apply?

Honours, Masters and PhD students who are enrolled as postgraduate research students at an Australian University are eligible to apply.



Closing date

The closing date for the present round of submissions is **26 February 2013**.

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by the Wet Tropics Management Authority's Student Research Grant Committee comprising members of the [Wet Tropics Scientific Advisory Committee](#) and Authority staff. We anticipate that competition for the grants will be high. Only clearly written, well presented and well constructed applications will be considered. Applicants must describe what the project is; why the research is important, and how it is to be done. The following criteria will apply:

- Alignment and relevance to the research priorities identified in the Wet Tropics Research Strategy 2010-2014
- clarity of aims and significance of the research project, and
- quality of the research plan, proposed methods and techniques.

Applicants may be asked for additional information to support their application.

Notification

Applicants will be notified of their success or otherwise by **11 March 2013**.

Enquiries

For further information regarding applications for funding, please contact Dr Steve Goosem at the Wet Tropics Management Authority on phone 07 4052 0563 or email steve.goosem@wtma.qld.gov.au

Application forms

Can be downloaded at <http://www.wettropics.gov.au/student-grants>

Final applications to be submitted to ellen.weber@wtma.qld.gov.au

Objectives of the Student Research Grant Scheme

A key goal in the [Wet Tropics Strategic Plan](#) is that the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area is used, enjoyed and celebrated as the World's finest learning landscape for tropical rainforest and its sustainable management. To achieve this goal the Wet Tropics Management Authority intends to foster and promote the role of the Wet Tropics as a living laboratory for global environmental management.

The purpose of the Wet Tropics Management Authority's Research Strategy 2010-2014 is to encourage and direct research investment into research questions that are relevant to the management and policy needs of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

Through the Student Research Grant Scheme, the Wet Tropics Management Authority seeks to imbue students with enthusiasm and respect for the international importance of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. The Scheme reinforces the importance of student research in increasing our knowledge and understanding of the World Heritage Area's significance and the role of research in its management.

