

Wet Tropics Management Authority 2018 Student Research Grant Scheme Frequently Asked Questions

When will successful candidates be notified?

Applicants will be notified of their success or otherwise by 22 March 2019.

Do I need to provide hard copies of my application form?

No. All applications should be sent by email to wettropics@wtma.qld.gov.au

How will I know if my application has been received?

You will be sent an email of acknowledgement within 48 hours of your application being received.

Am I able to put in more than one application per year?

No. Only one application can be accepted per candidate.

Can the same application be submitted in the following year if it was originally unsuccessful?

Yes. However, you should ensure your research aligns with the Authority's management priorities and guidelines for funding.

In addition, remember, we are keen to fund research that provides information on strategies to protect and conserve the natural and cultural integrity of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, and require projects to collaborate and/or engage in knowledge transfer with Rainforest Aboriginal people.

What items can be funded?

Funding may cover a range of items including field expenses, expenses in connection with the use of specialist services/analysis, accommodation, travel, equipment and training workshops.

What can I include as field expenses?

Food and accommodation may be purchased if used in relation to your research. However, these items cannot account for more than 10% of your grant budget.



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Can grant money be spent on conference expenses?

In most cases, the Authority does not promote the funding of conference expenses. However, if this is strongly connected to your research and informs strong research decisions, then approval may be granted. The entirety of your grant money cannot be spent on conference expenses.

How should I engage with relevant Rainforest Aboriginal people so that they are appropriately informed, involved or supported in expressing their knowledge, culture and management practices on country?

Guidelines for consultation of Rainforest Aboriginal people are outlined in the *2019 Student Research Grant Scheme Funding Guidelines – Appendix 2*. Remember, it is a condition of the 2019 Student Research Grant Scheme that a two-page summary report be provided to the relevant Rainforest Aboriginal people groups identified throughout the project by Monday 9 March 2020.

Note that the emphasis on engaging with relevant Rainforest Aboriginal people provides an important opportunity for relationship-building between research institutions and Rainforest Aboriginal people in the Wet Tropics.

What happens if I have money left over after my research has been completed?

Funds granted to applicants must be spent on the activities outlined in the application and as approved by the Wet Tropics Management Authority. Unspent funds are to be returned. An accurate budget should be calculated prior to proposal submission.

What happens if I do not submit my interim and final report?

The applicant is responsible for submitting reports when due. If reports are not submitted, the Authority will refuse any further proposals from the student and it will become the responsibility of the applicant's supervisor to prepare and submit the report.

Enquiries

For further information regarding funding applications, please contact the Wet Tropics Management Authority by phone (07) 4241 0522 or email wettropics@wtma.qld.gov.au



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