



Australian Canopy Crane Research Station *Student Research Grant Scheme*

The ACCRS Student Research Grant Scheme (SRG) is a funding source for research Honours, Masters or PhD students enrolled at an Australian University for work undertaken at the ACCRS and using the canopy crane itself.

The primary objectives of the Australian Canopy Crane Research Scheme (ACCRS) SRG are to:

- Promote research of excellence by post-graduate students at the ACCRS.
- Enhance the production of research outputs from the ACCRS.

The ACCRS SRG Scheme is a funding source for post-graduate research students enrolled any Australian University.

The scheme aims to provide support for projects conducted at the Australian Canopy Crane Research Station, and to promote excellence in research by PhD and MSc students. The maximum grant will be a major crane project valued at \$6000 (entitling the researcher to up to 20 days of crane time, bench fees and accommodation).

ACCRS SRG grants are awarded annually on a competitive basis to assist PhD, MSc and Honours students with their research in a manner that has the capacity to enhance research at the ACCRS through the production of high quality publications.

To be eligible, students must have a current enrolment within a PhD, Msc or Honours program at any Australian University.

Successful applicants will be eligible to apply to the scheme in subsequent years, subject to submission of a suitable grant report and their continued enrolment in post-graduate study at an Australian University.

Funds will be allocated competitively, based on

- a) Quality of the proposal
- b) Evidence that the project will lead to high quality publication output (the number of potential publications and journal status will form part of that assessment) that enhances the reputation of the ACCRS.
- c) Track record of the applicant relative to opportunity. This includes publication output (number of publications relative to opportunity), authorship (senior or sole authored papers are weighted more), journal quality (journal status relative to the field, conference proceedings rate less than journals etc.). Publications which are published or in press are ranked highest; papers in revision, review, and submitted will be taken into consideration, especially in the first year of study. Papers in prep are not counted as outputs from that applicant.
- d) If project quality, potential for publication output and track record of two applicants are similar, then preference will be given to students enrolled at James Cook University, or to projects involving a supervisor employed at James Cook University.

Applications should be made on the standard form available from canopycrane@jcu.edu.au (ACCRS SRG application form.doc). Applications must be submitted to the Canopy Crane Secretariat (canopycrane@jcu.edu.au) and will close COB July 31st, 2009.