



NT Student Travel Award to attend ESA 2010 conference

The ESA is offering a competitive travel award in 2010, aimed at student members in the Northern Territory. The award of \$1000 is to assist with the cost of attending the 50th Anniversary conference in Canberra in December 2010. The award aims to support and encourage ecology students in the NT, and promote their engagement with other NT ESA members and with the wider ESA community.

Eligibility

Applicants must be

- a member of the Ecological Society of Australia
- currently enrolled or have completed a degree within the last year, while resident in the NT (enrolment can be at any University as long as the research is based in the NT)
- planning to present a spoken paper on work carried out as a student in the NT at the ESA 2010 conference (award will be subject to acceptance of abstract by the conference scientific committee)
- be a current resident of the NT

Written applications should include the following:

1. Abstract (in the same form as will be submitted to the ESA 2010 conference)
2. A brief (half page) synopsis of the contribution that the research makes to knowledge of ecology in the NT or more broadly.
3. Brief supporting statements from the student's supervisor (max half page).
4. A brief budget outlining how the funds will be spent and including other forms of funding that will be used for the travel.

The successful applicant will present their conference talk to an invited audience of ESA members and other ecologists in their local area (e.g. in Darwin or Alice Springs) prior to the ESA 2010 conference. This will be an opportunity to share the research locally and to get feedback before the conference, and will be followed by drinks and light refreshments.

Application dates:

Applications must be received by the NT regional councillor nt@ecolsoc.org.au by **Friday 30th July**. This date coincides with the closing date for acceptance of abstracts for the conference. Applications must be submitted as a single PDF document. Applicants should also advise the NT councillor once their abstract has been accepted by the conference committee.

A panel of NT ESA members will decide on the award based on the quality of the applications. A decision will be announced in late August, prior to the close of Early Bird registration rates for the ESA 2010 conference.

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