



The Nature Conservancy Applied Conservation Award

FAQ's

How do I apply?

Application forms and guidelines are available on the website at www.ecolsoc.org.au/prizes.html. Deadlines refer to close of business (5pm) on the date listed. All applications should be submitted as a single PDF document.

Do I need to be an ESA member to apply?

Yes, you do need to be a financial member of ESA to be eligible to apply. However, this can be done at the time of registration. If you have completed the registration form and paid the annual subscription fee that is sufficient – the application does not need to have been processed prior to submitting your application.

How much funding is being offered and over what timeframe?

The TNC applied conservation award is an annual scholarship offering a **single** payment of \$6000 paid into a university research account.

A condition of the award is attendance at the next ESA annual conference to accept the award and the ESA conference the following year to present a research paper. Accordingly, TNC & ESA will fund travel, registration and accommodation costs associated with each of these events.

Do I need to include references in the project description (Section D)?

Yes. This award is based on assessment by a committee of senior ecologists considering the merits of a postgraduate project in applied ecology. The summary of your project should therefore be presented as a sound scientific document as well as selling the merits of your expected research outcomes.

How much detail do I need to provide in the budget?

The purpose of this section is to indicate specifically how you would apply the \$6000 grant to your project and how these funds would improve research outcomes eg broaden the scope, extend time in the field, improved data collection etc. This can be done as part of a complete project budget but the application of TNC award funds needs to be clearly identified.

Who are my referees?

The application requires two referees – supervisor and industry or end-user. The second category refers to a third party that can verify the impact of the research you are undertaking and its value and application. This may be a co-supervisor or head of school, but co-supervisors are not automatically industry or end-users. Please consider whether your referees meet the criteria to satisfy requirements – if you are unsure, contact Executiveofficer@ecolsoc.org.au to make sure, as it may impact on the success of your application.

What if my referee is unavailable to provide a written reference by the closing date?

If one of your referees cannot provide a reference by the due date but will be available within a reasonable timeframe, submit the application by the nominated date and time including the referee's name and details on the application form, and request an extension to provide the reference . You will then be notified if the extension has been approved and be given a revised due date. **NOTE:** It will then be your responsibility to chase up the reference. If it is not received on time your application will not proceed.

Who do I contact for more information?

Contact Gail Spina on (07) 3162 0901 or email:
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