

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
**COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, BIOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**  
FENNER SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY  
**LESSLIE SCHOLARSHIP IN LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION AND ECOLOGY**  
CONDITIONS of AWARD

**1. INTRODUCTION**

A Scholarship has been established on behalf of the Lesslie family, recognising the contributions to landscape conservation and ecology by Dr Rob Lesslie, an alumnus of the University.

The purpose of the Scholarship is to assist students by providing financial support for research projects in landscape conservation and ecology.

**2. VALUE**

The value of the Scholarship will be outlined in the letter of offer. The value of the scholarships awarded will be considered in conjunction with the applications for the Lesslie Research Grant in Landscape Conservation and Ecology and within the total amount available annually from the Lesslie Endowment fund.

Scholarships will be available for the purchase of essential equipment, data, software, and consumable materials. The funds will also cover essential field work, travel and research expenses, workshops/seminars costs and assist with publication expenses. The Scholarship is not to be expended on stipend or salary.

The Scholarship may be shared or where funds allow, more than one scholarship may be awarded in any one year.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

The Scholarship shall be awarded each year to a student (or students) who:

- (a) is an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident or New Zealand citizen;
- (b) is enrolled in an Honours year, graduate coursework, or graduate research program offered by the Fenner School of Environment & Society; and
- (c) is undertaking a research project in the natural science fields of:
  - Natural resources management
  - Land evaluation
  - Land use science
  - Ecological conservation

**4. APPLICATION**

The Scholarship application must include:

- a) A statement of no more than two pages describing the intended research, its relevance to landscape conservation and ecology and outcomes
- b) The applicant's academic record
- c) A budget and budget justification endorsed by the applicant's supervisor

- d) Contact details for two academic referees familiar with the applicant's work.

## 5. SELECTION

A Selection Committee chaired by the Associate Director (Research) of the Fenner School of Environment & Society and two other academic members of staff with expertise in relevant research fields will assess applications.

The Selection Committee will make a recommendation on the scholarship to the Director, Fenner School of Environment & Society, each year.

When making their decision, the Selection Committee will take into account:

- The student's academic record
- The scientific quality of the research
- Relevance of applicant's research proposal to the Research Focus<sup>1</sup> of this award
- Potential for the research to lead to tangible outcomes for policy and management
- Availability of suitable supervision

The Scholarship shall not be awarded if, in the opinion of the Selection committee there is no candidate and/or project of sufficient merit. The Fenner School of Environment and Society reserves the right to make no awards in a given year, to vary the number of awards or to make an award/s at other times in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Director, Fenner School of Environment & Society. The University reserves the right to revise the awards from time to time.

## 6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

A scholar may hold any other scholarship or award concurrently with the Lesslie Scholarship in Landscape Conservation and Ecology.

## 7. DURATION

The Scholarship will be paid as a one-off payment into an ANU designated account and will be expended and accounted for under the financial management system of the School and University. The funds will be expended within two years of award, and within the program enrolment of the recipient.

## 8. PUBLICITY

It is anticipated that scholars may be requested to participate in publicity of the Scholarship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling.

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<sup>1</sup> Research Focus means applied research in the natural sciences with the potential to promote Australian landscapes and ecosystems that are better protected and resilient against the background of a changing climate, population, and other threatening processes. This will include applied research work in the fields of: natural resources management sciences, land evaluation, land use science and ecological conservation. Particular interests include applied research and development advancing 'whole of landscape' land evaluation and conservation, integrated natural resources management, and measures to maintain the environmental integrity and productivity of our natural landscapes and ecosystems. Research should lead to tangible outcomes for policy and management.



On occasions, the scholar may be contacted by the University to participate in activities including, but not limited to, an interview, a photograph, and a formal Scholarship presentation ceremony. The University may also request written responses from the scholar which can include, but is not limited to, a summary of basic profile information, and descriptions of University experiences.

The University may publicise the Scholarship by publishing the names of the scholars.

#### **9. REPORTING**

The Applicant and supervisor will, before completion of their program, submit to the Director, Fenner School of Environment & Society a summary report covering the purpose and nature of the expenditure, project goals, and scientific outcomes.

#### **10. CONTACT**

Enquiries regarding this scholarship should be made in writing through the Fenner School of Environment & Society:

Email: [lesslie.endowment.applications@anu.edu.au](mailto:lesslie.endowment.applications@anu.edu.au)

#### **11. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

The scholar is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

#### **12. DISCLAIMER**

The award does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.