Scholarship & Funding Opportunities

For a full list of current funding opportunities, as well as continuous funding opportunities (no set deadline), please visit the JCU Research office website at http://www-public.jcu.edu.au/researchservices/grants/extgrant/JCUPRD_038684

JASON is a postgraduate scholarship search engine. Scholarships in the database apply to Australian students wishing to study at home or abroad, and to international students wishing to study in Australia. http://www.jason.edu.au/

For a list of research student scholarship opportunities available at James Cook University visit http://www.jcu.edu.au/grs/scholarships/index.htm

ABRS National Taxonomy Research Student Travel Bursary Program
Applications are invited from postgraduate students for travel bursaries to attend conferences relevant to studies in taxonomy or systematics.

The Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) offers small grants to Honours, Masters and PhD Students in Australian institutions to travel to national or international conferences relevant to both the student's research program in taxonomy or systematics and the ABRS Research Priorities. A maximum of $1,000 is available for an international conference and $500 for travel within Australia.


Applications close: 29 April 2011
Should you require any further information contact:
The Grants Officer
Ph: (02) 6250 9435
Fax: (02) 6250 9555
Email: abrs.grants@environment.gov.au

Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland
In February, Wildlife Queensland launched its 2011 Student Research Grants Program - available to students at Queensland Universities. Eligible research projects are those which investigate methods of addressing or reversing the decline in threatened native plant and animal species or their habitat, or other applied conservation outcomes in Queensland. This incorporates biodiversity conservation including endangered species, vegetation communities and regional ecosystems.

Five grants of $1000 each will be available in 2011.
Applications close: 30 April 2011
For more information and application form, please see our website: http://www.wildlife.org.au/about/researchgrants.html
To read about the 2010 funded projects, see http://www.wildlife.org.au/projects/researchgrants/
Scholarship & Funding Opportunities continued...

Mohammed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund
Eligibility for grants will extend to all plant, animal and fungi species conservation efforts, without discrimination on the basis of region or selected species.
To cover a wide spectrum of species conservation efforts, two types of grants are available:
• up to $5,000
• between $5,000 and $25,000.
For further information visit http://www.mbzspeciesconservation.org/

Endeavour Awards for 2012
The Endeavour Awards is an internationally competitive, merit-based program providing opportunities for citizens of the Asia-Pacific region to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia.
The aims of the Endeavour Awards are to:
• Deepen Australia’s global engagement in education and research;
• Reinforce Australia’s reputation as a high quality education provider and leader in research, innovation and knowledge management;
• Enhance language skills and cultural understanding of Australia; and provide opportunities for Australian professionals to enhance their skills and knowledge.

An update from the Research Office...

NHMRC
Project Grants
The amended closing date for NHMRC Project Grants is now 5 April 2011 – for submission via RGMS. The Research Office internal closing date is Monday 8 March. If you are submitting a project grant application via template, the Research Office closing date is 1 March (NHMRC closing date is 29 March for template submission). To request an extension to the revised closing date, please email your Associate Dean Research.

Reminder - TRIP Fellowship Applications
The next round of Translating Research Into Practice (TRIP) Fellowships will open on 1st February 2011 and close on 24th March 2011. Applications will be accepted through NHMRC’s Research Grants Management System (RGMS). To receive information as it becomes available, you may subscribe to NHMRC Tracker by going to www.nhmrc.gov.au or to request information, please email TRIPFellowships@nhmrc.gov.au

Research Help Centre
NHMRC has launched the new Research Help Centre (RHC). The RHC will provide a more responsive ‘one stop shop’ which will deliver:
• advice on how to use the NHMRC’s Research Grants Management System (RGMS)
• information about peer review policies and guidelines
• support for researchers and institutions applying for research funding
• access to information on research funding opportunities.
You can call the RHC on 1800 500 983 or email at help@nhmrc.gov.au

Funding Calendar
The NHMRC funding calendar can be accessed at http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/calendar/index.htm

NHMRC Partnership Projects
Applications for the third round of NHMRC Partnership Projects will open on 1 February 2011 and close at 5pm AEDST on 29 April 2011. NHMRC Partnership Projects are designed to help create partnerships among decision makers, policy makers, managers, clinicians and researchers. All applications should be submitted electronically using NHMRC’s RGMS. Further information is available from the NHMRC website.
Bommies Awards

Entries close on 25th March 2011
Online application form www.barrierreef.org
or email info@barrierreef.org

Searching out innovative concepts to preserve the Great Barrier Reef in the face of climate change. The Bommies will be awarded for a solution or adaption concept for the Great Barrier Reef (GBR), which meets the following criteria:

- Is innovative;
- Delivers practical outcomes to the GBR’s managers;
- Has climate change and the GBR’s viability as its primary focus;
- Has a measurable impact on the resilience of the GBR;
- Does not diminish the economic, social or cultural value of the GBR.

Eligibility: Any PhD student or Early Career Researcher under the age of 36 years. The award is open to Australian and international entrants.

Prize: $10,000AUD to communicate, develop or advance your idea and a work on

Fresh Science 2011 and Tech on Tap

We’re looking for the best early career research and researchers for Fresh Science 2011 and, this year, for AMP’s Tech on Tap. Fresh Science serves as a communication boot camp for early-career researchers – getting their stories out to local, national and international media, and teaching them essential communication skills.

This year we will be holding state finals so we can expose more young scientists across the country to the Fresh Science experience. Short-listed entrants will be invited to the State finals which will include a day of media training in their home state. The top candidates will then be flown to Melbourne for the Fresh Science National Final.

We won’t hold finals in every state – our final choice will be dictated by nomination numbers, quality of nominations and sponsorship. But entries from every state and territory will be eligible for the National Final.

In essence we’re looking for:

- early-career researchers (from honours students to no more than five years post-PhD);
- a peer-reviewed discovery which has had no media coverage;
- some ability to present ideas in everyday English.

This year we are also offering an additional opportunity for research students (doing honours, masters, PhD as of June 2010). AMP invites nominations for their Sydney-based ‘Tech on Tap’ competition – with a $5,000 prize for the winning entry. They’re not worried about media coverage and they also provide a training program.

Nominations for Fresh Science and AMP’s Tech on Tap are now open and close 5pm, Wednesday, 30 March 2011.

Fresh Science state finals will be held 18 April—6 May with the National Fresh Science event in Melbourne 6-9 June 2011. AMP’s Tech on Tap will be held on Monday, 6 June 2011 in Sydney.

You can read more on how and why to nominate at www.freshscience.org.au

Fresh Science is supported by the Federal Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Museum Victoria, and New Scientist magazine.

For further information about Fresh Science visit www.freshscience.org.au or contact Tim Thwaites on (03) 9078 5398 or email tim@freshscience.org.

Tech on Tap is an AMP project, and part of their AMPlify Festival. For more information about the AMPlify festival or Tech on tap, visit www.amplifyfestival.com.au/tech-on-tap1 or contact Danielle Miller on (02) 9257 7756 or Danielle_Miller@amp.com.au.
Three Minute Thesis Competition

Research students are invited to participate in the 2011 Australia & New Zealand 3MT Competition to be held in the Octagon Theatre on the campus of The University of Western Australia on Thursday 29 September 2011. The webpage with initial information is to be found at: 

JCU students should be alerted to the fact that JCU will once again host an internal competition and that the winner will go to the national competition.

Those who have been involved in the competition have found it to be a most wonderful experience - for the candidates themselves, for the cohort student experience, for supervisors and wider research groups and ultimately for the whole university community.

Contacts for the event are:
Dr Michael Azariadis
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michael.azariadis@uwa.edu.au

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Telephone: 08 6488 2095
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joanne.edmondston@uwa.edu.au

Fellowships

UNESCO Fellowships
The fellowships offered under this scheme are of short term duration (6 months maximum) and are intended for specialized training at the postgraduate level. Priority targets are promising and qualified specialists who seek to undertake advanced research or to upgrade their skills and knowledge of state-of-the-art developments in their field of study or work.

Target candidates:
Graduate and Postgraduate candidates for study abroad wishing to:
Pursue training;
Undertake advanced research; upgrade skills; or
attend specialized or refresher courses

Read more: http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/03/unesco-fellowships.html

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Statistical Assistance @ JCU
If you require statistical assistance please contact Paula Rodger on 4781 4270 (Townsville students) or email yvette.everingham@jcu.edu.au (Cairns students) to arrange an appointment. Remember, research students receive two free consultations each calendar year, so use them or lose them.

Smithsonian-Mason Global Conservation Studies Program, Front Royal, VA
Contact: SCBItraining@si.edu
For more information visit http://www.conservationtraining.si.edu

Courses include:
- **Spatial Ecology, Geospatial Analysis, and Remote Sensing for Conservation**
  14-25 March 2011
  Learn to detect, monitor, map, and model local and global changes in biological and ecological systems.
- **Species Monitoring and Conservation: Terrestrial Mammals**
  18-29 April, 2011
  Learn current research and monitoring techniques and their application to conservation.
- **Effective Conservation Leadership**
  3-13 May 2011
  Cultivating leadership, communication, and teamwork approaches and applying them to diverse conservation situations.
- **Non-invasive Genetic Techniques in Wildlife Conservation**
  22-27 May 2011
  Learn cutting edge genetic methods from the field’s experts and apply them to real conservation problems.
- **Adaptive Management for Conservation Success**
  6-17 June 2011
  Build your capacity in team-based design, planning, implementation, and monitoring of real conservation projects.

Capture-recapture workshops for fisheries and wildlife research
Professor Ken Pollock and Dr Lyndsay Brooks are presenting 2 x 1 week workshops on capture-recapture models for fisheries and wildlife research this year, one at University of Newcastle 21-25 March and one at CSIRO in Brisbane 6-10 June. These workshops are pitched at an intermediate level for honours or postgraduate students and wildlife researchers who are interested in monitoring wildlife populations from data based on identification of individual animals. Animals may be identified through trapping and tagging, or from their natural marks.


Conferences

3rd International Conference on Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Engineering (ICBPE 2011) in conjunction with 2nd International Conference on Computational Systems - Biology and Bioinformatics (CSBio 2011)
3-5 August 2011
Singapore
The Joint Conference will highlight cutting-edge advances in all major disciplines of biomedical, pharmaceutical engineering, computational systems in biology and bioinformatics. The three-day event will feature recent findings from leading industrial, clinical and academic experts in the field, in the form of oral presentation and posters.
Papers due: 12 March 2011
[www.icbpe.org](http://www.icbpe.org)

Second International Conference on the Image
26-27 September 2011
Kursaal Congress Palace, San Sebastian, Spain

COM.GEO 2011
“2nd International Conference on Computing for Geospatial Research and Application”
23-25 May 2011
Washington DC, USA
Abstracts due: 8 March 2011

The European Ecological Federation (EEF) 12th EEF Congress
“Responding to Rapid Environmental Change”
25-29 September 2011
Ávila, Spain
Abstracts due: 30 April 2011
[http://www.europeanecology.org/meetings/](http://www.europeanecology.org/meetings/)

2nd International Conference on the Constructed Environment
29-30 October 2011
University Center, Chicago, USA
Abstracts due: 24 March 2011
Conferences continued...

7th International Conference on Marine Bioinvasions
"Advances and Gaps in Understanding Marine Bioinvasions"
23-25 August 2011
CosmoCaixa Science Museum, Barcelona, Spain
Abstracts due: 15 April 2011
www.icmb.info

International Educational Technology Conference
25-27 May 2011
Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey
The IETC aims to diffuse the knowledge and research among academicians and lead to development in educational technology and instructional technologies.
Proposal and abstract due: 16 May 2011
http://www.iet-c.net/

The 2011 2nd International Congress on Computer Applications and Computational Science
15-17 November 2011
Bali, Indonesia
CACS 2010 aims to bring together researchers and scientists from academia, industry, and government laboratories to present new results and identify future research directions in computer applications and computational science.
Papers due: 15 May 2011
http://irast.net/conferences/CACS/2011

A 'Closing the Gap' Research Conference
10am - 1pm Thursday 24 March - Closing the Gap Day 2011
Showcasing JCU collaborative research in Closing the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage

We are seeking approximately 10-12 short showcase presentations from Townsville and Cairns respectively.

If you would like to present your research about Closing the Gap (in no more than 5 minutes) please send:

a) Your name and school, staff/postgraduate student, location (CNS or TSV);
b) Title and a 100 word Abstract to Yvonne.Cadet@jcu.edu.au in Townsville or Felecia.Watkin@jcu.edu.au in Cairns.

There will be 10 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions for each presenter. If you are a postgraduate student it is important that you have already completed your confirmation seminar. Some presenters may want to critique the notion of 'closing the gap'. We are seeking a variety of presentations from different disciplines. This will be competitive - Notification of successful presenters will be given by March 18.

Deadline: Thurs 17th March 4pm by email
You can also participate by coming along to support those who are presenting and to find out about Closing the Gap research conducted at JCU.

When – 10am - 1pm Thursday 24 March - Closing the Gap Day
Where - Rooms: CNS: The Boathouse; and in TSV: DE030-008 (SIAS Conference room)
Lunch will be provided so please RSVP
Elena.Rhind@jcu.edu.au Cairns
Kylie.Wilson1@jcu.edu.au Townsville

For more information on Closing the Gap please go to the following website -
Positions Vacant

Peer Advisers
Peer advisers work on the help desk in the Learning Centre alongside the Learning Advisers. Tasks might include:

- Helping a student to get started on an assignment
- Introductions and conclusions
- Writing skills such as developing an argument, structuring an essay and the use of relevant supporting evidence
- Punctuation and grammar
- Note taking
- Report writing
- Basic computer skills such as formatting and page set-up
- Time management
- Reading difficult material
- Oral presentations

Things that peer advisers do not do -

- Proof read a whole assignment
- Do the work for the student
- Predict the grade for the assignment
- Help with take home exams

Peer Advisers work 2 hour shifts – either 10-12pm or 1-3pm.
If you are interested please contact peter.hanley@jcu.edu.au

Scientific Boating Officer/Technical Officer
UNSW, Faculty of Science, School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences
REF. 7833NET
Applications close: 25 March 2011
Salary Level 6: A$66,267 - A$70,692 per year, plus 17% employer superannuation plus leave loading.
The School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences is one of the leading institutions in Australia in the field of environmental research and education. It has a particular strength in marine science. The School seeks a Scientific Boating Officer/Technical Officer to oversee all aspects of its scientific boating, and to facilitate research and undergraduate teaching. This position would suit someone with extensive experience in boat handling as well as relevant knowledge, especially in the safety requirements of small boat use under the Maritime Safety Act 2010.
This is a full-time continuing position, 50% Scientific Boating Officer and 50% Technical Officer.
Applicants should systematically address the selection criteria in their application.
Having read the documentation, you may then direct any enquiries to Professor Iain Suthers on telephone (61 2) 93852065, email i.suthers@unsw.edu.au, or Mr David Hair, (61 2) 93852192, email d.hair@unsw.edu.au
http://www.hr.unsw.edu.au/services/recruitment/jobs/25021110.html

CoralWatch Project Manager
Part-time appointment (20 hours per week) through to 31 December 2011 initially, with extension dependent on funding and performance.
Closing date: 18 March 2011
Duties: 80% office and 20% field (fieldwork, workshops, seminars, events)
Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Assist with the development, promotion, production and distribution of CoralWatch materials including DIY Kits, Education book and Reef Education packages
- Write and assist with production of reports, papers and articles in relation to the project
- Analyse data from field work and global bleaching databases, report on key project and study findings
CoralWatch Project Manager continued...

- Organise and conduct field monitoring and research, collecting coral health data at Heron Reef, in Moreton Bay as well as establishing and supporting new monitoring sites
- Apply for grants, awards and sponsorship
- Identify, invite and support users of the CoralWatch system
- Collaborate with Project AWARE, Reef Check, schools and other project partners and connect with complimentary reef monitoring and education programs.

For further information regarding application procedures contact: Diana Kleine – CoralWatch Project Manager (Education) Phone: (07) 33653127 or d.kleine@uq.edu.au

Library Advisory Committee: Student representative expression of interest

An opportunity to make a difference, influence library services, and get some useful career skills.

As a research student, do you sometimes feel that the Library could better meet your needs? Would you like to increase your understanding of how the University committee system works?

Eligible JCU students, normally from the Townsville or Cairns campuses where the 2 on-site libraries are located, may self-nominate for the Library Advisory Committee. Currently enrolled students, in good standing with the University Library, i.e., no outstanding library fines or long overdue library materials, are eligible.

The LAC Chair and Committee Secretary shall review all received EOIs and the Chair shall appoint the student representatives.

If a student ceases to be an eligible JCU student or cannot meet the meeting requirements required to be a member of the LAC their LAC membership may be immediately terminated by the Chair.

Terms of Reference

The Library Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the Director, Library and Information Services and provides a forum for open discussion of matters relating to the Library and its services to the University community.

The Terms of Reference of the Library Advisory Committee are:

- To serve as a means of communication between the University community and the Library
- To provide advice on matters relating to library scholarly information resources, facilities and service provision in support of learning, teaching and research
- To provide advice on the annual library materials budget
- To provide advice on the annual audit of research publications to be submitted to the Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC)

The Committee meets 3 times a year in March, June and November. The membership of the Library Advisory Committee includes one undergraduate and one postgraduate student. Normally members serve for a period of two years.

Nominations

To nominate for the Library Advisory Committee, please complete the online form and include a brief explanation (no more than 200 words) of your interest/reasons for nominating and your preference for serving either a 1 year or 2 year term.

Complete the online form found at Library Advisory Committee Student Representative Expression of Interest

Nominations must be received by 5pm on Thursday 17 March 2011

Any questions, contact Carolyn Tredrea, Committee Secretary Carolyn.Tredrea@jcu.edu.au

For more information about the Library go to http://www-public.jcu.edu.au/libcomp/index.htm
2010 Progress Reports
If you haven’t already, please complete your Progress Report for 2010 and submit it to the Graduate Research School as soon as possible. The purpose of this form is for you and your supervisory team to reflect on your work at this stage of candidature, on your supervision and the resources available. Please answer honestly as notification of problems will enable assistance to be provided and will help the Graduate Research School to monitor the needs of research higher degree students.
This is also an opportunity for your Supervisory Team to reflect and report on your progress to date.

2011 Graduate Research Scheme
Keep an eye out for a call for applications for the Graduate Research Scheme from your faculty. The Graduate Research Scheme is administered by the faculties and provides three types of funding to JCU research students:
• Funds to enhance your project or support your attendance at a conference
• Doctoral Completion Award - funds to assist you to prepare your thesis for submission
• Doctoral Publication Award - funds to assist you to in the preparation of publications from the doctoral thesis during the thesis examination period

For more information contact your faculty representative:
Medicine, Health & Molecular Sciences: christine.teitzel1@jcu.edu.au
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Law, Business & Creative Arts: chrystie.watson@jcu.edu.au
Science & Engineering: marcus.sheaves@jcu.edu.au

Research Students’ Induction Day
Cairns: Friday, 8 April
Townsville: Saturday, 9 April 2011
Students will be contacted via email with further details shortly.