



## SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

### SELS FrogLab VACATION SCHOLARSHIP

#### ESTABLISHMENT

Research into successful conservation of amphibians is a field of increasing need due to unprecedented declines of amphibian populations globally. Locally, the green and golden bell frog was once a common species which has suffered a substantial range contraction and is now listed as a threatened species.

The School of Environmental and Life Sciences is providing three summer scholarships to students demonstrating a keen interest in and commitment to conservation biology. This also includes an opportunity to participate in a learning experience within the monitoring program for the threatened Green and Golden Bell Frog on Kooragang Island.

#### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in the B Science or B Environmental Science and Management programs in the School of Environmental and Life Sciences, University of Newcastle.
- Have completed units in Environmental Science and Ecology.
- Demonstrate an interest in gaining experience in a conservation research project over the summer vacation period.
- Be available to participate in research at night (usually 8pm – 1am) with access to own transport preferred.

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be submitted with the scholarship application:

- A brief statement (maximum 300 words) outlining your experience and/or interest in field ecology and amphibian conservation biology and availability to participate in a monitoring program over Nov 2020 to Feb 2021 vacation period.

#### SELECTION

Selection shall be based on:

- Academic merit (Cumulative Grade Point Average); and
- Consideration of your written submission and demonstrated interest in the research area.
- Your availability for the research project with access to own transport.

Selection will be approved on the recommendation of the Scientific Officer, Kooragang Island Bell Frog Monitoring Program, School of Environmental and Life Sciences.

## **BENEFIT**

Three (3) scholarships are available valued at \$2,000 each. This benefit will be paid in equal instalments of \$1000 on acceptance of the scholarship and at the project's conclusion in February 2021.

Whilst not compulsory, the scholarship offers the valuable opportunity to actively participate in the monitoring program for the threatened Green and Golden Bell Frog on Kooragang Island. This runs over an 8 week period from November 2020 to February 2021. This will provide an opportunity to gain experience in field research and environmental management over the vacation period. There will be a need to participate during hours from 8pm and 1am and it is preferable that you have access to your own transport for this.

Your scholarship will be noted on your academic transcript.

The number of scholarships available and scholarship value may vary in accordance with available funding.

## **PERIODS OF LEAVE**

This scholarship does not provide a period of leave or deferral.

## **TERMINATION**

A scholarship shall terminate before conclusion when:

- the recipient's circumstances change and eligibility for the scholarship is no longer met,
- the maximum duration of the scholarship has been reached, or
- the recipient provides written notice that they no longer wish to continue on the scholarship.

## **PRIVACY**

The University of Newcastle will only disclose your personal information to the extent necessary for the purpose of the provision of this scholarship.

When applying, please review the University of Newcastle [Privacy Management Plan](#), [Web Privacy Statement](#).

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