



Victorian
Environmental
Assessment
Council

Bill Borthwick Student Scholarships 2016

The 2016 round of Bill Borthwick Student Scholarships is now open for applications. The Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) has established the annual scholarships for tertiary students undertaking research projects. Projects must relate to public land in Victoria, which includes terrestrial, freshwater and marine environments.

The scholarships were announced in March 2011 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first meeting of the Land Conservation Council (LCC). They honour the vision of the Hon. Bill Borthwick, Victoria's first Minister for Conservation and Deputy Premier from 1981 to 1982, and a central figure in establishing the LCC to advise government on the use of Victoria's public land.

Applications close at 5.00pm on 4 March 2016.

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in an Australian university in 2016, undertaking an Honours, Masters or PhD research project related to public land in Victoria. Relevant fields of study include natural sciences, humanities and social sciences, economics, law and politics.

Award

Scholarships of \$500 to \$2,500 will be awarded. Criteria for selection are the relevance of the research project to public land, and the quality and achievability of the project. The applicant's record of academic achievement may also be considered.

Conditions of the scholarship

- A brief report outlining the progress of the research project must be forwarded to the Executive Officer of VEAC by 30 June 2017.
- Any publications arising from the work supported by the scholarship should include an acknowledgement to that effect within the publications. A copy of the publications should be forwarded to the Executive Officer of VEAC.
- Recipients may be requested to give a presentation on their research project to VEAC.

Any queries should be directed to Ms Joan Phillips on 1800 134 803 (toll free from landline).

For further information about the LCC and its successors, the Environment Conservation Council and the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council, see <http://www.veac.vic.gov.au>.

Application form overleaf

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Application for Bill Borthwick Student Scholarships

Applicants please note:

1. Applicants will receive an email acknowledging receipt of the application.
 2. Copies of supporting documentation **MUST** be attached with this application.
 3. VEAC intends to advise successful applicants by 31 March 2016.
 4. VEAC reserves the right to not award the scholarships following its assessment of scholarship applications.
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1. Personal Details

Family Name: _____ Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr: _____
Given Names: _____
Postal Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____

2. Research Project

Short title of research project: _____
Project commencement date (actual or proposed): _____
Course enrolled in: _____
University: _____
Name, title, and contact details of your research supervisor: _____

3. Scholarship

Amount of funding sought: \$ _____

Attach separate pages (approximately 1-2 A4 pages in total in 11 point font) outlining:

- a brief summary of your research project
- the relevance of the project to public land
- the budget for the requested funding.

The budget must clearly identify the costs as they relate to the project, such as travel and accommodation for fieldwork, equipment purchases and research consumables. The scholarship will not fund items that are not directly related to the project, such as parking, thesis binding and printing.

4. Have you attached?

- A summary of your research project and its relevance to public land
- An outline of your budget for the requested funding
- A copy of your academic record

Applications must be submitted by email or by post by 5.00pm on 4 March 2016

Email: veac@delwp.vic.gov.au

Post: **Bill Borthwick Student Scholarships**
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