



Victorian
Environmental
Assessment
Council

Bill Borthwick Student Scholarships 2024

The 2024 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 to assist in the costs of research relating to public land in Victoria, including terrestrial, freshwater and marine environments.

The scholarships were announced by the then Minister 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 5:00 pm on Friday 8 March 2024.

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in an Australian university in 2024, 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

Generally, scholarships will be awarded in the range of \$500 to \$2,500. Criteria for selection include the relevance of the research to public land, the potential outcomes for public land, and the quality and achievability of the project (in the context of the level of the enrolled degree).

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 2025.
- 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 Amanda Stajewski, at veac@deeca.vic.gov.au

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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 Friday 29 March 2024.
4. Previous recipients of this scholarship will generally be given lower priority.
5. VEAC reserves the right to not award the scholarships following its assessment of scholarship applications or to award part of the requested amount.

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1. Personal Details

Family Name _____

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 (including email address) of your research supervisor/s:

3. Scholarship

Amount of funding sought: \$ _____

Attach separate pages (no more than 2 A4 pages in 11 point font) outlining:

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

The budget must clearly identify the costs as they relate to the funding sought for 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. Conference attendance will not generally be funded.

4. Have you attached?

- A summary of your research project and its relevance to public land
- A detailed budget breakdown for the requested funding
- Evidence of enrolment

Applications must be submitted to veac@deeca.vic.gov.au by 5pm Friday 8 March 2024.