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THE MURRAY-DARLING FRESHWATER RESEARCH CENTRE (MDFRC)



HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP Information 2017

Background

The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre (MDFRC) in association with The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (on behalf of the partner governments) is committed to the generation and adoption of freshwater ecological knowledge to inform decision making.

The MDFRC and MDBA Collaboration Partnership (MMCP) invites applications for students to receive one of three available scholarships, who are undertaking research on the ecology and biogeochemistry of floodplain rivers and wetlands. Research themes that are considered within scope for consideration include:

- Plant ecology
- Floodplain fish ecology
- Food web ecology
- Invasive aquatic species

Selection Criteria

These scholarships will be selected based on the students undergraduate course Weighted Average Mark (WAM) and the relevance of Honours project to the MMCP. Honours students will be supervised/co-supervised by MMCP researchers and will undertake a research project aligned with the objectives of the MMCP. A summary of their research will be embedded within the MMCP annual report.

Eligibility

Applicants must be

- Enrolled through La Trobe University Honours Program <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/direct/honours>
- Pursuing research relevant to 'flow ecology of floodplain rivers and wetlands'
- Have a researcher associated with the MMCP as part of the supervisory team. Visit <http://www.mdfrc.org.au/students/scholarships/Honours.asp> to download the list of current MDFRC staff available for supervising students.

Application

The cut-off date for consideration for this scholarship is **23 January 2017**. Applicants will be notified early early-February 2017

How to apply:

Students can contact Dr Daryl Nielsen P: 02 6024 9650 to discuss potential projects and relevant supervisors.

Applications must include the following:

- Cover letter outlining main scientific interest with at least one academic referee
- Curriculum vitae including academic transcript

Applications must be e-mailed to mdfrc@latrobe.edu.au

Please note - MDFRC may reject applications that do not meet the above requirements. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted without prior discussion with MDFRC staff.

Research to facilitate healthy and productive aquatic ecosystems in the Murray-Darling Basin

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Terms and Conditions

- 1) The stipend will be paid in two (2) equivalent amounts of \$2,000 after each semester census date. The stipend will be paid into the student's nominated bank account upon completion of a Payment Request Form. The second payment will be made subject to the submission of a progress report and/or supervisor meeting, indicating progress, and notification that the student has an on-going enrolment at La Trobe University.
- 2) The MDFRC supervisor will be the authorising staff for the utilisation of the \$2,000 operating. The operating funds are to cover equipment, travel and consumables directly relating to the project.
- 3) The recipient must acknowledge sponsorship of The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre (MDFRC) in association with The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (on behalf of the partner governments) in all publicity and reports.
- 4) The recipient will be required to provide a pdf version of their final thesis to the MDFRC. Recipients are also required to deliver a final project seminar to MDFRC staff.
- 5) The Honours scholarship only covers a student commencing in 2017. Partial applications will be considered for students who commenced mid-year 2016. If a student is awarded the Honours Scholarship and then subsequently defers or withdraws prior to the semester census date, then they will not be awarded that proportion of the scholarship.