

GUIDELINES 2022

BirdLife Northern Queensland (BLNQ) has established a Student Research Scholarship to encourage student researchers to pursue the systematic study of northern Queensland birds and to share their discoveries with the birding community of northern Queensland.

The scheme is open to any tertiary level student enrolled in a course of study that enables a field-based project to be included in the program.

Projects should be focussed on birds with a preference for those within northern Queensland although the area covered could include parts of eastern Northern Territory.

APPLICATION

Eligible students should submit a request for funds in which the proposed research is described in terms of the context, aims, methods, expected outcomes, likely publications and budget. It should include a supporting statement from their Supervisor.

Applicants will be assessed by a BLNQ sub-committee established for this purpose.

Criteria for assessment will include the following elements:

- Worthiness of the project;
- Significance of the research question posed;
- Status of the species, habitat, communities to be investigated;
- Soundness of the research methods; and
- Potential outcomes from the research.

The BLNQ sub-committee will initially assess the applicants on the basis of the written submission followed up by telephone interview for short-listed applicants. This phone interview will demonstrate the ability of the applicant to express the ideas and reasoning behind the research. All applicants will be notified of their success or otherwise.

Scholarship recipient's reporting requirements. At the end of the scholarship period a recipient will provide a brief formal report of the project and how the money was spent. Recipients will also be required to provide an article to the BLNQ Newsletter (Contact Call) and if possible, a presentation to the BLNQ Branch about the research. Recipients are encouraged to formally publish their results in an appropriate peer reviewed journal.

FUNDING LIMITS

Applications may request up to \$3,000 in financial support. This scholarship will be advertised once a year, in line with student project timelines and successful applicants should be advised before June each year.

BLNQ may modify these guidelines from time to time.