

Application Form for a 2009 Wentworth Group Science Program Scholarship

Information and Criteria

Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists

Since its inception in 2002, the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists has been active in advancing solutions to secure the long term health of Australia's environment. Comprised of eminent scientists and thinkers, the Group has three core tasks:

- Driving innovation in the management of Australia's land, water and marine resources;
- Engaging business, community and political leaders in a dialogue to find and implement solutions to the challenge of environmental stewardship facing the future of Australian society; and,
- Building capacity by mentoring and supporting young natural resources scientists and resource economists to develop their skills and understanding of public policy.

Members of the Wentworth Group are: Ms Leith Bouilly FAIC, Mr Peter Cosier, Prof Tim Flannery, Dr Ronnie Harding, Prof David Karoly, Prof David Lindenmayer FAA, Prof Hugh Possingham FAA, Mr Robert Purves, Dr Denis Saunders AM, Prof Bruce Thom FIAG FTSE, Dr John Williams and Prof Mike Young FASSA.

Scholarship Objectives

Too often there exists a gap between science and public policy in relation to natural resource management. It is the intention of the Wentworth Group Scholarships to bridge this gap. These scholarships are to enable recipients to become active contributors at the interface of good decision making and world class science.

The main aim of Wentworth Group Scholarships is to give recipients access to the knowledge and networks of some of Australia's leading practitioners in influencing public policy through their experience in the natural sciences, economics and public policy.

It is not the intention of these scholarships to provide direct support for thesis research, nor can a scholarship be used as a stipend. The focus of the scholarship must be on its use to enhance each recipients understanding and background on how their individual discipline interests can be expanded and applied in public policy and decision making.

Eligibility

Postgraduate research students enrolled at an Australian university during 2009 are eligible. They must be Australian citizens or have permanent residency.

Students with interests in natural and social sciences, resource economics, environmental law, engineering and the built environment are encouraged to apply.

Supervisor endorsement is necessary.

Preference will be given to full-time students under 35 years of age.

Uses of Scholarship

Scholarship funds are intended to support a program of mentoring by Wentworth Group members during 2009. Successful scholars will be assigned one or more members of the Wentworth Group as mentors. This will enable discussions to take place on issues related to public policy and the environment. Funds will be made available to each scholar to assist with mentoring, primarily for travel.

Scholarship funds will also cover the costs of travel, accommodation and expenses to a Master Class to be conducted by members of the Wentworth Group. This event will be held in Sydney on March 24 and 25, 2009. Attendance at the Master Class is compulsory.

Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated academic excellence in chosen field;
2. A basic understanding of public policy related to natural resource and environmental issues;
3. Provision of written proof of supervisor's support, indicating how a scholar may benefit from participation with members of the Wentworth Group;
4. Availability to participate in the 2009 Master Class (March 24 and 25 in Sydney); and,
5. Membership or participation in areas of interest relevant to the scholarship.

Closing Date

Applications must be submitted by 5pm 27 November 2008.

Enquiries

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APPLICATION FORM

1. Personal Details

Title _____ Family Name _____

First Name _____ Other Given Name _____

Gender (M/F) _____ Date of Birth (day/month/year) _____

2. Contact Details

Number and Street _____

Suburb/Town _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Home Telephone _____ Mobile _____

Work Telephone _____

Email Address _____

3. Citizenship

(Tick one box only)

Australian Citizen

Granted Australian Permanent Resident Status

Date Permanent Residency Granted _____

4. Current Scholarships

Are you currently receiving any awards or scholarships? YES NO

What is the name of the award/scholarship? _____

Give details _____

5. Current Program

Enrolment Details

PhD Research Masters Full-time Part-time

Program Code _____

Commencement Date _____ Expected Completion Date _____

Faculty/Division _____

School/Department _____

University _____

Research Details

Topic Area _____

Name of Supervisor _____

Supervisor Contact Number _____

Brief Outline of Research _____

6. Academic Qualifications – Undergraduate & Postgraduate

Details of previous study	Institution	Years of Enrolment		Year graduated
		From	To	

9. Selection Criteria

9.1 Demonstrated academic excellence in chosen field:

- *Attach supporting academic transcripts and any supporting documentation.*

9.2 Demonstrated understanding of public policy related to natural resource and environmental issues:

- *Attach supporting documentation.*

[We are looking to gain an idea of your understanding of public policy in terms of how the process works. This includes the development of current regulations and how they effect our resource management, plus the impact of many factors at work. You could demonstrate this by outlining what you have studied (undergraduate), how your research can be applied to public policy, which regulations are effected and how these can be changed, the impacts on different sectors of our community (social, economic, etc). We are after a written statement, half to one page in length.]

9.3 Supervisor's support:

- *Attach signed statement of support from your supervisor, indicating how you might benefit from a scholarship.*

9.4 Membership or participation in areas of interest relevant to the scholarship:

- *Attach supporting documentation (e.g. membership of professional organisations, associations, etc).*

10. Declaration by Applicant

I have:

- Answered all questions on this form truthfully.
- Read the Scholarship Information and Criteria on this form and understood the eligibility, uses and conditions for this scholarship.

I understand that:

- The Wentworth Group may disclose information concerning the application to any person or body the Wentworth Group considers has legitimate interest in receiving it and consent to such disclosure.
- The Wentworth Group may vary or cancel any decision it makes if the information I have given is incorrect or incomplete.
- If I am offered a scholarship, I will not be able to defer that offer.
- If I am offered a scholarship, I agree to attend the Master Class held in Sydney, March 24 and 25, 2009.
- My application will not be processed if I have not confirmed that I agree with this declaration by signing below.
- Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code (Commonwealth).

Print Full Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE LODGED BY 5pm 27 NOVEMBER 2008. ALL APPLICATION FORMS AND DOCUMENTATION NEED TO BE SENT TO:	
By Mail:	Scholarships Wentworth Group Suite 3 3b Macquarie St Sydney NSW 2000 OR
By Email:	djohanson@wentworthgroup.org Note – This form cannot be completed electronically. Please print out and scan to email OR
By Fax:	02 9251 3866 Note – Please ring and confirm that your fax has arrived by the due date. We do not accept responsibility for faxes that do not arrive.