



CAPITAL REGION
LANDKEEPERS



Christine Fifield Landkeepers Scholarship

GUIDELINES



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Guidelines for the Christine Fifield Landkeepers Scholarship Fund

ABOUT THE FUND

The Christine Fifield Landkeepers Scholarship Fund is a charitable fund that originates from a donation made in memory of the late Christine Fifield by her husband, Keith Fifield.

The trustee is the Capital Region* Landkeepers Trust.

The fund celebrates Christine Fifield's years of enthusiastic volunteering work with Greening Australia Capital Region.

The benefaction enabled the fund to make a valuable contribution to the protection, restoration and management of the natural resources of the Capital Region landscapes and the capacity of the Capital Region communities to join in that endeavour.

The fund is open to students of the Australian National University, University of Canberra and Charles Sturt University.

OBJECTIVES

1. The provision of scholarships to assist Honours, Masters and PhD students pursue full-time studies in the Capital Region in landscape research.
2. The scholarships will support research studies that align with the purpose of the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust:
 - a. restoration, regeneration and ongoing management of the natural environment in the Capital Region; and/or
 - b. provision of education and information related to the natural environment in the Capital Region; and/or
 - c. engagement of volunteers in natural environment restoration, regeneration, investigation and monitoring activities in the Capital Region; and/or
 - d. innovation in the understanding, restoration, regeneration, management and promotion of the natural environment in the Capital Region.
3. The scholarships will support research studies that are particularly focused on 2d above.
4. The scholarships will support research studies that also align with the work of the Greening Australia (Capital Region).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The fund has three types of grants

1. top-up scholarships for PhD students;
2. top-up scholarships for Masters by Research students; and
3. Honours Scholarships

*'Capital Region' can be defined as the whole of the Australian Capital Territory, and surrounding areas, including (but not necessarily limited to) the areas and surrounds of Qeanbeyan, Cooma-Monaro, Snowy River, Bombala, Palerang, Goulburn, Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan, Boorowa, Harden, Yass Valley, Gundagai, Tumut, Tumbarumba, Cowra, Young, Cootamundra, Junee, Temora Shire, Wagga Wagga, and Greater Hume (as such areas may be described from time to time).

Top-up Scholarships for PhD Students

FIELD OF STUDY

Landscape restoration, regeneration and management.

VALUE

AUD \$5,000 per annum, paid in two instalments, additional to a normal PhD scholarship obtained by the candidate. It is the student's responsibility to determine the tax implications of the award, if any, which apply to their individual circumstances. The first annual instalment will be paid at the beginning of each year of the project; and the second annual instalment will be paid on acceptance of the annual report.

DURATION

Up to 3 years; students may apply before or at any time during their PhD candidature.

NUMBER ON OFFER

Limited

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students will:

- Have experience in environmental science and management, ecology or similar.
- Be Australian and New Zealand citizens, permanent residents of Australia, or international students (who hold an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS)).
- Have secured a PhD scholarship.
- Have a strong academic record.

SELECTION

The award of the scholarship shall be made on the basis of:

- The recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust.
- Academic merit.
- Appraisal by the Board of Directors of a one-page research proposal submitted to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust (admin_contact@landkeepers.org.au)
- Successful applicants will be notified via a letter of offer; on acceptance of the offer students will be required to sign an agreement which stipulates expectations of the award including communication strategy, branding, Intellectual Property; and the payment schedule.

REPORTING

Two months prior to the completion of each year of the project, the successful applicant will be expected to provide a short annual report to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust Board explaining how the scholarship assisted the project. The report will be made available to the Fifield family.

At the completion of the project, the successful applicant will be expected to:

- Provide a final report to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust Board explaining how the scholarship assisted the project. The report will be made available to the Fifield family.
- Present findings from their research at an event organised by the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust.

Successful applicants are to acknowledge the scholarship when presenting papers associated with the funded research.

APPLICATION

A CV and written proposal must be submitted to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust (admin_contact@landkeepers.org.au).

The 2-4 page research proposal should outline why the funding is required and how the funding will assist with the research. Research projects must be aligned with the mission of the Landkeepers Trust and with the work of Greening Australia Capital Region. In particular, the following should be addressed within the application: objectives of the research, the innovative aspects of the research program, the proposed method/methodology, the timeframe for the research program, and a communication strategy. The Board of Directors reserves the right to seek further clarification on any aspect of the proposal.

Identify your application: including your name and the type of scholarship (ie PhD) in the filename
e.g. <smithCFSF-application2016PhD>.

Queries regarding the scholarship may be directed to the Chair of the Board (admin_contact@landkeepers.org.au).

Top-up Scholarships for Masters by Research Students

FIELD OF STUDY

Landscape restoration, regeneration and management.

VALUE

AUD \$5,000 per annum, paid in two instalments, additional to a normal PhD scholarship obtained by the candidate. It is the student's responsibility to determine the tax implications of the award, if any, which apply to their individual circumstances. The first annual instalment will be paid at the beginning of each year of the project; and the second annual instalment will be paid on acceptance of the annual report.

DURATION

12 months, with the possibility of an extension of up to a further 12 months.

NUMBER ON OFFER

Limited

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students will:

- Have experience in environmental science and management, ecology or similar.
- Be Australian and New Zealand citizens, permanent residents of Australia, or international students (who hold an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS)).
- Have secured a Masters by Research Scholarship.
- Have a strong academic record.

SELECTION

The award of the scholarship shall be made on the basis of:

- The recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust.
- Academic merit.
- Appraisal by the Board of Directors of a one-page research proposal submitted to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust (admin_contact@landkeepers.org.au).
- Successful applicants will be notified via a letter of offer; on acceptance of the offer students will be required to sign an agreement which stipulates expectations of the award including communication strategy, branding, Intellectual Property; and the payment schedule.

REPORTING

Two months prior to the completion of each year of the project, the successful applicant will be expected to provide a short annual report to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust Board explaining how the scholarship assisted the project. The report will be made available to the Fifield family.

At the completion of the project, the successful applicant will be expected to:

- Provide a final report to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust Board explaining how the scholarship assisted the project (for students with projects of a duration of 1 year, the annual report will be the final report for the project, and as such the student will not need to provide an additional report to the Board). The report will be made available to the Fifield family.
- Present findings from their research at an event organised by the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust.

Successful applicants are to acknowledge the scholarship when presenting papers associated with the funded research.

APPLICATION

A CV and written proposal must be submitted to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust (admin_contact@landkeepers.org.au).

The 2-4 page research proposal should outline why the funding is required and how the funding will assist with the research. Research projects must be aligned with the mission of the Landkeepers Trust and with the work of Greening Australia Capital Region. In particular, the following should be addressed within the application: objectives of the research, the innovative aspects of the research program, the proposed method/methodology, the time frame for the research program, and a communication strategy. The Board of Directors reserves the right to seek further clarification on any aspect of the proposal.

Identify your application; including your name and the type of scholarship (ie PhD) in the filename eg <smithCFSF-application2016Masters>.

Queries regarding the scholarship may be directed to the Chair of the Board (admin_contact@landkeepers.org.au)

Honours Students

FIELD OF STUDY

Landscape restoration, regeneration and management.

VALUE

AUD \$5,000 per annum, paid in two instalments, additional to a normal PhD scholarship obtained by the candidate. It is the student's responsibility to determine the tax implications of the award, if any, which apply to their individual circumstances.

The first annual instalment will be paid at the beginning of each year of the project; and the second annual instalment will be paid on acceptance of the final report

DURATION

1 year

NUMBER ON OFFER

Limited

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students will:

- Be completing their third year, or be within 12 months of having completed their degree
- Be accepted to study honours
- Have a strong academic record.

SELECTION

The award of the scholarship shall be made on the basis of:

- The recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust.
- Academic merit.
- Appraisal by the Board of Directors of a one-page research proposal submitted to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust (admin_contact@landkeepers.org.au).
- Successful applicants will be notified via a letter of offer; on acceptance of the offer students will be required to sign an agreement which stipulates expectations of the award including communication strategy, branding, Intellectual Property; and the payment schedule.

REPORTING

At the completion of the project, the successful applicant will be expected to:

- Provide a short report to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust Board explaining how the scholarship assisted the project. The report will be made available to the Fifield family.
- Present findings from their research at an event organised by the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust.

Successful applicants are to acknowledge the scholarship when presenting papers associated with the funded research.

APPLICATION

A CV and written proposal must be submitted to the Capital Region Landkeepers Trust (admin_contact@landkeepers.org.au).

The 1-2 page research proposal should outline why the funding is required and how the funding will assist with the research. Research projects must be aligned with the mission of the Landkeepers Trust and with the work of Greening Australia (Capital Region). In particular, the following should be addressed within the application: objectives of the research, the innovative aspects of the research program, the proposed method/methodology, the timeframe for the research program, and a communication strategy. The Board of Directors reserves the right to seek further clarification on any aspect of the proposal

Identify your application; including your name and the type of scholarship (ie PhD) in the filename eg <smithCFSF-application2016Masters>.

Queries regarding the scholarship may be directed to the Chair of the Board (admin_contact@landkeepers.org.au)



Contact Us

Further information about the work and priorities of the Trust is available on our website.

Our website also contains detailed information about Trust scholarships, fellowships and grants, including guidelines, terms and conditions and application processes.

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