

APPLICATION FORM

## Tasmanian Land Conservancy

## Bird Conservation Fund Scholarship

**NOTES FOR APPLICANTS**

* Applications unrelated to Australian bird conservation are not eligible.
* Students are only eligible if research being undertaken is current and not retrospective.
* Research must be undertaken in collaboration with a recognised Australian tertiary institution.
* Grants are awarded on the understanding that funds will be exempt from institutional administration charges.
* The maximum amount provided by the **Tasmanian Land Conservancy (TLC) Bird Conservation Fund Scholarship** is $5000 per annum.
* Students are responsible for and must obtain all necessary permits and approvals to undertake their research.
* Students are encouraged to contact the TLC Science Manager to discuss their research prior to applying.
* Students are strongly encouraged to publish their research in relevant peer reviewed journals or with other communication channels.
* The TLC scholarship must be acknowledged on associated publications and in all related communications.

# **SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS**

In accordance with the application criteria, the following conditions must be met:

* Funds are to be strictly exempt from organisational administration charges.
* You are required to submit one copy by email of a two-page progress report by October 31 and a two-page final report by February 28 of the following year.
* In your reports, please include the following which may be included on the Tasmanian Land Conservancy’s website:
* two or more reasonable-quality photos with captions illustrating your research
* a 300 to 500-word summary of study purpose, methods and results to date
* You have or will obtain all necessary permits and approvals to undertake this work (including from landholders if relevant)

**Applications close at 5pm on March 31 each year.**

**ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

**The merit of applications will be judged on:**

* The contribution of the project to avian conservation
* The alignment of the project with the Tasmanian Land Conservancy’s conservation objectives
* The likelihood of the project achieving its objectives
* The novelty of the research or method
* Suitability of the research for publication

See ***Application Guidelines*** for further details of assessment criteria.

**ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST**

**Applicants must answer ‘Yes’ to all of the following statements in order to be eligible to apply:**

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| Will your research project improve the understanding of factors important to the conservation of Australian native birds? | Yes |  | | No |  |
| The applicant agrees to provide a two-page progress report and a two-page final report at the dates decided by the TLC. | Yes |  | No | |  |
| The applicant agrees to the abstract of the report and associated photographs being included on TLC’s website and/or other publications and social platforms. Photographers will be acknowledged. | Yes |  | No | |  |
| On completion of the project, the applicant will provide a brief article for the TLC’s use, if requested to do so. | Yes |  | No | |  |
| The applicant will acknowledge the support of the TLC and the relevant award in any future publications, presentations and reports arising from this work. | Yes |  | No | |  |
| The applicant agrees to provide the TLC with an electronic copy of their publication/ thesis at the completion of their research project. | Yes |  | No | |  |

**PROJECT DETAILS**

**Project Title:** Please provide a concise and informative title of your entire project (not just the component for which funds are sought)

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| Have you previously applied for a TLC Bird Conservation Fund Scholarship? | Yes |  | No |  |

If yes, provide details and dates of your previous application and how this one differs (100 words max)

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| **Details of your entire project (not just the component for which funds are sought)** | |
| 1. **Objectives.** Clearly state degree type, project aims and objectives (up to 200 words) |  |
| 1. **Background.** Provide relevant context and rationale for your project (up to 300 words) |  |
| 1. **Project plan, timeline and methods.** Outline what you are going to do and when (up to 500 words. Figures or diagrams may be attached at the end of this form). |  |
| 1. **Impact.** Describe the likely benefit to conservation of Australian birds and / or key research outcomes (250 words max). |  |
| 1. **Priorities.** Describe the priority area of bird conservation addressed in your research and how it aligns with local, State and National bird conservation priorities(250 words max): |  |
| 1. **Alignment.** Identify how your research aligns with the Tasmanian Land Conservancy’s Strategic Aims(250 words max)**:** |  |
| 1. **Describe who will benefit from your research, and how your results will be communicated to them** (250 words max) |  |
| 1. **What part of your project will benefit from additional support.** (note, this is not budget justification), (100 words max) |  |
| 1. **References or other information** (100 words max): |  |

**APPLICANT DETAILS**

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**SUPERVISOR or REFEREE 1. DETAILS**

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**SUPERVISOR OR REFEREE 2. DETAILS**

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**REFEREES**

If you do not have an academic supervisor, you **MUST** provide details of two people who may be contacted to comment on your ability to carry out the proposed project or have an understanding of your research project. Please use the space provided above for referee contact details and tick the box below to indicate this person is a referee.

**DECLARATION**

I have discussed the contents of this application with my Supervisor/s (and/or Referee/s) and I certify that to the best of my knowledge all documentation and information submitted or made available by me is true, accurate and complete.

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By ticking the following box you are agreeing to the above statement:

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| Please state how you first heard about this award: | (Please specify) |

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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| All relevant sections of this application have been completed | Yes |  | No |  |  |
| All relevant academic transcripts have been attached | Yes |  | No |  |  |
| The application is being submitted electronically as one single document (transcripts may be separately appended) | Yes |  | No |  |  |
| The application is being submitted in either MS Word or PDF file format (it is important that text can be copied – please do not scan this form) | Yes |  | No |  |  |
| The application has been discussed with and all Supervisor/s (or Referee/s) are aware this application has been made. | Yes |  | No |  |  |

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Please email your application as a single document to:

business@tasland.org.au

The Tasmanian Land Conservancy will acknowledge the receipt of your application.

### Applications close March 31

### **Scholarship will be announced within 30 days**

Enquiries: info@tasland.org.au

https://tasland.org.au/projects/bird-conservation-fund/