



*fostering research into
the biology and cultivation
of the Australian flora*

AUSTRALIAN FLORA FOUNDATION

RESEARCH GRANTS - for funding in 2020

The Australian Flora Foundation was established in 1981 with the aim of fostering scientific research on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants. It was thought that by encouraging research, a greater awareness of the value of the Australian flora would be developed resulting in explicit measures for their conservation and utilisation. Funds for research are raised through the membership of the Foundation, donations from various sources and the income from bequests. Grants are available for projects, which commence from December 2019. The Foundation expects to support between two and four projects at \$5,000 - \$15,000/year each in 2020 with possible extension into 2021. Typically, projects are funded up to \$10,000 per annum for two years or up to \$15,000 for one year.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Applications for grants to support original scientific projects on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants are invited from research workers in Australia. The Australian Flora Foundation will consider all relevant applications, with special interest in the following categories:

- 1) conservation of Australian plant diversity, particularly where there are threats from climate change
- 2) the cultivation of Australian plants, to ensure their survival and reduce the threat to native ecosystems
- 3) rare and endangered plants.

All applications on rare and endangered plants should indicate how the research relates to the known management plan for the species. The Foundation does not fund projects that are for conference travel, publications, research on orchids, or taxonomy. It gives a low priority to flora surveys per se or studies of marine plants.

Projects must be scientifically sound and aim to provide outcomes within the period of the grant. Applicants must be suitably qualified or identify a qualified project supervisor. Just one principal investigator.

Applications must be accompanied by a grant application administration fee, currently \$55. The applicant is also given one year's membership of the Foundation. Members of the Foundation are exempt from this fee. Should you be considering becoming a member, go to <http://aff.org.au/join-aff/become-a-member/>

Applications are in two stages. Preliminary applications of two A4 pages should indicate the purpose of the project, the likely costs and the research protocol. The institution or company to

which the applicant is attached, a contact phone number and email and postal address must be included. The Chief Investigator is not accepted as the administration contact. The person is normally someone from the research organisation's Research Office. Please use the forms provided at <http://aff.org.au/grants/grant-criteria/>, notably the Preliminary grant application form for 2019, the grant application administration fee form, and when requested, the full grant application.

Preliminary applications will be accepted until 17th March 2019.

Each application will be evaluated on closeness to the objectives of the Australian Flora Foundation, the scientific merit of the project, the likely success within the stipulated timeframe, and the availability of funds. Full applications will be invited from those which best fit the criteria. Full applications will be assessed by the Scientific Research Committee and successful applicants notified in September 2019. Funds will become available to commence research from December 2019.

Applications should preferably be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Word file with a matching PDF file attached to an email to Peter Goodwin, the AFF Grants Officer: pbgoodwin@iinet.net.au

Enquiries: to the above address.

Important dates:

Preliminary applications due by	<u>17th March, 2019</u>
Short-listed applicants advised	early May
Full applications due by	16 th June
Board meets	August
Successful applicant advised	September
Funds available from	December 2019

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