



PADDY PALLIN *Science Grants 2016*

Supplementary round for marine research only

The *Paddy Pallin Foundation*, and *The Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife* are offering two Marine Science Grants in 2016, worth \$7000 each to support field-based, high quality marine ecological research. The objective of the Paddy Pallin Science grant program is to provide financial support for conservation-based research of Australian species and ecosystems that will ultimately lead to tangible outcomes for management. **This is a fresh call for applications for marine research only and supplementary to the August 2016 round of grants.** The scope of the research in this supplemental round is open to marine and freshwater research on animals and/or plants and ecological communities.

The grants are open to postgraduate students and Early Career Researchers (within 3 years of submitting PhD). Funding for 2016 will commence in December. The grant will be administered through the Royal Zoological Society of New South Wales.

CLOSING DATE: 30 October 2016

Grant Conditions

- Applicants must be either enrolled or have an academic position (including adjunct/visiting positions) at an Australian University or research position at a relevant institution - e.g. CSIRO or a museum.
- Applicants must be financial members of the RZS NSW.
- **The research must address conservation problems in Australian systems and have clearly defined management implications.**
- The work should have the potential to lead to publication in high quality ecological or conservation journals.
- The successful grant winner will be expected to present the outcomes of their research at a public lecture within 18-24 months of award date. A video summary of the project (either recording of the public lecture or other vignette video (approx. 10 minutes) will then be posted on Foundations and partners websites.
- Details of the successful projects each year will be summarised on the RZS NSW, Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife and Paddy Pallin Foundation websites.
- Conference travel is not supported.
- University or research institutional on-costs are not supported.
- A short report of the project is required at the end of Year 1 and a final report after 18-24 months suitable for posting on the above websites.

Application Process

Applications should be submitted as a **SINGLE PDF** and contain the following:

- Completed cover sheet.
- **A 200 word lay person summary of the project outlining the background, significance and management outcomes of the project.**
- Research proposal structured under the following headings; Aims and Background, Significance of the research (including conservation significance), Methodology, and Management Implications of the work (max 3 pages).
- The proposal should also include an itemized budget with brief justification for each item, a short description of the research environment at host institution and the names, details of research funding already received (project title, funding body and amount), and the contact details of 2 referees (max 2 page).
- If the project is part of a bigger project (or requires funding >\$7000) the proposal must outline how the Paddy Pallin Science grant is essential and how the work will be done should other funding applications elsewhere be unsuccessful.
- Brief CV including qualifications, summary of research/professional experience, publications/presentations (max 2 pages).
- A letter from the Head of Department or Head of Research Unit indicating that such a research proposal can be carried out within the Department and that any animal ethics issues have been or will be resolved.
- Applications must be emailed in PDF format to office@rzsnsw.org.au and received by the Executive Officer of the Royal Zoological Society of NSW by midnight on 30th October 2016 Late applications will not be considered.

A subcommittee comprising members of the council of the Royal Zoological Society of NSW and representatives of the Paddy Pallin Science Grants funders will assess applications and the decision of the subcommittee is final. Applicants will be notified by email of the outcomes of the grant by end of November 2016. Funding will then be provided on a staged basis; \$5000 upon acceptance and provision of photos and a media friendly summary, a further \$1500 after completion of progress report after 12 months and the final \$500 after submission of a final report (at 18-24 months depending on project).

Enquiries please contact the RZS office at office@rzsnsw.org.au