



**Research Fund of**  
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## Call for applications 2026-27 Research Fund Grant

1. Applications are now open for grants up to a maximum of \$5000 from The Royal Society of Queensland Research Fund, closing on **30 June 2026**. The Royal Society of Queensland is the senior generalist scientific institution in Queensland. It traces its origin through the Philosophical Society of Queensland, founded in 1859, back to the Royal Society of London, founded in 1660. Further information about the Society is available on <http://www.royalsocietyqld.org>
2. The scope of its mission is 'science and the application of science', including science-related education and policy. It has published research and scientific opinion through the peer-reviewed *Proceedings* since 1884. The Society encourages research and the application of scientific method and knowledge to policy and decision-making. It aims to overcome the limitations of specialisation by sharing knowledge across discipline areas.
3. The Research Fund is used to sponsor studies to benefit Queensland within the natural, physical, biomedical and social sciences, excluding clinical medicine. The focus is on studies and projects of a scale that does not attract support from mainstream grant bodies such as the Australian Research Council.
4. A study could be basic - 'discovery' (adding to our store of knowledge about Queensland, without any particular application in mind), applied science (work directed at a specific practical aim or objective, for example, - without limiting the scope - adaptation to global changes, conservation of threatened species) or development research (drawing on basic and applied research outcomes to generate new products or processes, improve existing ones, or solve problems). **All** projects should generate new information and insights.
5. Grants may not be used for explicit advocacy, for example, in relation to political campaigns.
6. The Fund will support projects by community organisations and early career researchers, under experienced direction. Applications that involve a citizen science group affiliated with the Queensland Science Network will be welcomed but not given preference in making assessments or awarding grants.
7. A grant may be used to top up other funding where the additional research will yield identifiable results of its own that would not otherwise be obtained.

8. A grant may be paid in stages as agreed between the successful applicant and the Society; for example, in some cases a final payment may depend on a report outlining the project, its outcomes and expenditure of funds.

## **Applications**

9. Applications should be as concise as possible, preferably no longer than 1,500 words. The Fund's Trust rules require applicants to address the following items (see template below):

- background and significance of the topic;
- research questions to be addressed;
- approach, study design, methods;
- timelines for undertaking the project, providing a final report, and expending the grant;
- proposed budget;
- capability of the applicant to achieve the outcomes;
- signature of applicant; and supervisor, if applicant is a student; or office bearer if the application is in the name of an organisation.

## **Compliance requirements**

10. The project may include direct costs associated with the original research, but no corporate overheads for a hosting entity.

11. An applicant without personal extensive research experience must indicate an experienced researcher who can provide a reference for the applicant and who can, as necessary, provide guidance for the project.

12. The applicant must be able to indicate a connection with an eligible Deductible Gift Recipient Type 1 entity (an approved research institute for tax deduction purpose, for example, a university, college, or approved institute, association or organisation).

13. The applicant must provide reports or presentations as requested by the Society during the course of the study, or at its completion. The Society will endeavour to provide opportunities for successful applicants to present their work and to publicise it to the wider public. We aim to video record presentations and post them on the [RSQ YouTube Channel](#).

14. The project must be within the Fund's scope, as described in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

## **Selection criteria**

15. Where the Trustee is satisfied that the criteria in 9 above have been satisfactorily met and that the study can be completed on time and within budget, it will use the following criteria in assessing the proposals:

Basic study (new knowledge, no particular application in mind):

- Increase in basic knowledge about Queensland, its people or environment. (55% of score)
- Shed light on an issue of material and practical concern. (20% of score)

- Potential impact of the study on the wise use of Queensland's natural resources in perpetuity and to the wellbeing of Queenslanders. (15% of score)
- Potential for transfer of knowledge across disciplines. (5% of score)
- Potential for increase in collaborative activities. (5% of score)

Applied or developmental study (a specific practical aim in mind):

- Increase in basic knowledge about Queensland, its people or environment. (10% of score)
- Shed light on an issue of material and practical concern. (40% of score)
- Potential impact of the study on the wise use of Queensland's natural resources in perpetuity and to the wellbeing of Queenslanders. (40% of score)
- Potential for transfer of knowledge across disciplines. (5% of score)
- Potential for increase in collaborative activities. (5% of score)

### **Further information**

15. Potential applicants requiring further information should contact the Research Coordinator: Dr Nelson Quinn 0428 231 591 [n.quinn@griffith.edu.au](mailto:n.quinn@griffith.edu.au)

15. Send your application to: [admin@royalsocietyqld.org.au](mailto:admin@royalsocietyqld.org.au)

Or post to:

The Royal Society of Queensland,  
P.O. Box 6201  
St Lucia Qld 4067

# The Royal Society of Queensland Research Grant Application 2025



## A. APPLICANTS PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications and Position:

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Institution/Organisation:

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Department & Departmental Head (if relevant):

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Supervisor(s) (if relevant):

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Supervisor/s Contact email (if relevant):

## B. PREFERRED CONTACT DETAILS:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## C. PROJECT TITLE

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BASIC STUDY: YES/NO**

**APPLIED OR DEVELOPMENTAL STUDY: YES/NO**

**DATE**

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

*(try to keep the total length of proposal to under 1500 words):*

- (1) Aims of study; research question**
  
- (2) Significance of project; background literature**
  
- (3) Study design; research methods**
  
- (4) Timelines for grant expenditure**
  
- (5) Budget requested (maximum of \$5,000)**
  
- (6) Capability of the applicant to achieve the outcomes**
  
- (7) Value of grant in connection with larger project; future sustainability**

**Note:**

**When detailing the budget, describe the item details and amounts requested, and give a weighting to their significance for the success of the project.**

**Checklist:**

I have included the reference from my supervisor (one page) (if relevant).