



NCCARF

National
Climate Change Adaptation
Research Facility

Adaptation Research Network
MARINE BIODIVERSITY AND RESOURCES

HONOURS AND MASTERS RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS

APPLICATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 19 MARCH 2012

In this round of funding, a total of up to 10 Honours / Masters candidate research grants valued at **up to** \$7,000 each will be offered by the Adaptation Research Network for Marine Biodiversity and Resources (a.k.a. Marine Adaptation Network). Applications will be accepted in a wide range of disciplines (e.g., marine policy, fisheries economics, marine biodiversity, social science). However, the research project proposed and undertaken must be relevant to the area of climate change **adaptation** for marine biodiversity and resources (<http://www.nccarf.edu.au/marine/content/index.php/site/aboutus/>). Your project proposal must show a strong case for directly informing alternative resource management options or assisting in natural adaptation of marine biodiversity to climate change.

Applicants must be enrolled students in an Australian Higher Education Institution undertaking their research Honours or Masters degree full time.

ELIGIBILITY

- This grant round is open to full time students with Australian residency, enrolled in an Australian Higher Education Institution.
- Students must be undertaking a Research Honours or Masters degree in any discipline but focusing on climate change adaptation for marine biodiversity or resources.
- Research must be directly policy or management relevant and aim to make recommendations for policy or management.
- Applicants must commence their Honours / Masters research program during 2012 and show proof of acceptance to an Australian University Honours / Masters program.
- Both applicants and their supervisors must be members of the Marine Adaptation Network (Registration at: <http://www.nccarf.edu.au/marine/content/index.php/member/register/>)

INCLUSIONS

Marine Adaptation Network Honours/Masters grants valued at **up to \$7000** are available.

Each grant will consist of three payments:

- Up to \$5000 on commencement of the project, pending examination and approval of budget by the Network Steering Committee
- Up to \$1000 on receipt of a copy of the completed and submitted thesis (electronic) and
- Up to \$1000 on submission of a manuscript to an appropriate journal.

Grant funds may only be used to cover research costs (i.e., NOTE: the grant monies must be project-related research costs that need to be justifiable on completion of the thesis, and prior to any further payments being made beyond the initial maximum of up to \$5,000) and a small portion for attending a domestic conference and/or presenting at the NCCARF conference. Grant monies may NOT be used for equipment purchases.

APPLICATION

You will need to provide the following:

1. STUDENT DETAILS (1 PAGE)

- Name
- Student ID number
- Contact details – mail address / phone / fax / email
- Project title
- University at which project is to be undertaken
- Proof of acceptance into relevant University Honours/Masters program
- Contact details of research office
- Supervisor(s) name(s) and contact details (mail address / phone / fax / email)
- Signature of supervisors showing their willingness to supervise this student and project (and submit report upon student failure to do so)

2. ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT – ONE CERTIFIED COPY

3. CURRICULUM VITAE

4. PROOF OF AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP/PERMANENT RESIDENCY

5. PROJECT PROPOSAL

This should not exceed two pages (excluding references) - any pages beyond this will not be read by review panel.

Project proposal should include –

- Background including significance of the project
- Relevance to climate change adaptation, policy and/or management of marine biodiversity and resources – HOW will your project contribute to policy and/or management changes?
Note: a statement that "this research will inform management" is not enough.
- Alignment with the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Plan (see <http://www.nccarf.edu.au/sites/default/files/NCCARF%20marine%20biodiversity%20text%20FORWEB.pdf>) – please include which national priority the project addresses, and how it will address this priority.
- Methods, and expected project outcomes
- Detailed budget and justification
- Brief timeline (can be separate page from above showing commencement/completion and reporting dates of project)

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Relevance of the research to the goals and outcomes of the Marine Adaptation Network and climate change adaptation for marine biodiversity and/or resources
- Quality of the applicant and assessed ability to undertake research and demonstrated academic record.
- Quality and nature of the proposed project
- Overall quality of the application.
- Relevance of the project to the priorities of the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Plan.

REPORTING

- A two page summary report must be submitted within one month of completion of the Honours or Masters project. If this is not submitted by the student then it will be the responsibility of the supervisor to complete this. Report to include – major findings and outcomes of the project, significance of the project in helping Australia’s marine biodiversity and resources to adapt to climate change, and further research suggestions.
- An electronic copy of the thesis to be submitted to the Network Convenor (Neil.Holbrook@utas.edu.au) and cc’d to Network Coordinator (Clare.Brooker@utas.edu.au) upon completion of the project.

NCCARF and The Adaptation Research Network for Marine Biodiversity and Resources reserves the right to publish the thesis and aforementioned report (full, or extracts) on its web site and in its publications. The Network requires acknowledgement of the research grant in the thesis document, and in any publications or presentations made concerning the project.

This application must be emailed to Clare Brooker as a separate PDF or word document. Applicants will be notified of the success of their project application by email.

We strongly encourage potential applicants to contact either the Network Coordinator or Convenor ahead of the submission deadline for clarification of any points.

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