

THE CHARLES AND FRANK FENNER POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS



For currently enrolled Masters by Research or Doctor of Philosophy students in the Discipline of Geographical and Environmental Studies at the University of Adelaide.

NOTES TO APPLICANTS:

- 1) The Grants will provide financial assistance to Masters by Research or Doctor of Philosophy students enrolled in the Discipline of Geographical and Environmental Studies with a preference for primary field-based research.
- 2) The Grants may be used for any research costs such as:
 - travel costs
 - purchase of equipment
 - purchase of data
 - data collection
- 3) Before completing the form, applicants should read the rules governing the Research Grants.
- 4) This application form must be returned to the Discipline of Geographical and Environmental Studies, Napier 723 by **30 June 2010**.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE DONOR:

Emeritus Professor Frank Fenner CMG MBE AC, is credited with overseeing the eradication of smallpox and controlling Australia's rabbit plague through the introduction of myxomatosis. Frank graduated in medicine at the University of Adelaide in 1938.

In 2006 Professor Frank Fenner's latest book, *The Lives of Frank and Charles Fenner* was launched at the University of Adelaide.

The book is about Professor Fenner and his father Charles, also associated with the University. Charles Fenner was South Australian Director of Education from 1939 to 1946 and integral in establishing geography studies at the University.

Distinguished by numerous awards, Professor Frank Fenner won the Japan Prize for preventative medicine in 1988, the Prime Minister's Science Prize in 2002 and just this year was named ACT Senior Australian of the Year.

He had an outstanding career as a microbiologist and world expert on pox-virus. He was Chairman of the Global Commission for the Certification of Smallpox Eradication and, in 1980, he announced the eradication of smallpox to the World Health Assembly.

Frank established the Charles and Frank Fenner Postgraduate Research Grants in late 2009, to be awarded from 2010 onwards. He provided the Fund during his lifetime and then ensured it became perpetual through a bequest left for the continuation of these grants.

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Closing date: 30 June 2010

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname:

Given Name:

School/Discipline:

Date of Birth:

Student Number:

Contact Address:

Contact telephone number:

Email:

2. CURRENT ENROLMENT

Field of study:

Thesis title:

Commencement date of Masters/Doctor of Philosophy:

Intended date of submission:

Principal Supervisor:

Are you in receipt of a research scholarship?

3. IF SUCCESSFUL, THE GRANT WILL BE USED FOR:

travel costs

purchase of equipment

purchase of data

data collection

Other (please specify)

4. BUDGET INFORMATION

Please provide details of the financial assistance sought:

Items (Personnel, Maintenance, Travel, Other)	Amount

5. RESEACH PROPOSAL

Please attach a detailed research proposal (1 page) outlining the research you will be undertaking if successful in obtaining a Charles and Frank Fenner Postgraduate Research Grant and the relevance of the research to your thesis topic.

6. CHECKLIST (Please ensure the following are included with your application)

- A research proposal. (max 1 page)
- A budget outlining the dollar amount required to undertake the research.

7. DECLARATION

I confirm that the information given above is true and correct. I have read the rules governing the The Charles and Frank Fenner Postgraduate Research Grants, and I undertake to comply with them if this application is successful.

Signature:

Date:

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RULES

1. The Grants will be formally named The Charles and Frank Fenner Postgraduate Research Grants.
2. The Grants will provide financial assistance to currently enrolled Masters by Research or Doctor of Philosophy students in the Discipline of Geographical and Environmental Studies with a preference for primary field-based research.
3. Students can apply for funding by 30 June each year.
4. It is anticipated that the annual distribution of money will be derived from the interest accrued by the capital invested in the University's Endowment Fund (leaving the capital intact as a perpetual fund) and could be allocated as one \$5,000 grant or as a number of smaller grants, depending on the applications received.
5. Selection will be based on the quality of the research proposal and the decision will be made annually by a small Committee from the Department of Geographical and Environmental Studies or equivalent. The Director of that Department, or equivalent program, will coordinate the selection process and Selection Committee, as well as the administration and payment of the grants to the successful recipients.
6. Applications will be called for in February each year and the Grants must be utilised in the year in which they are awarded.
7. Grant application forms will be placed on the University website in February each year, with a closing date of 30 June, and will be promoted to internal applicants from the University of Adelaide only.

Approved on 3 November 2009 by Director, GISCA and Professor Frank Fenner AC.