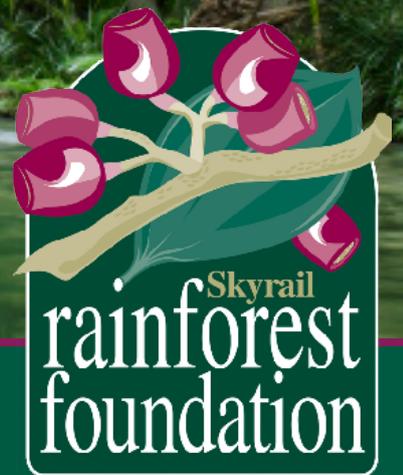


Skyrail rainforest foundation

PROTECTING TROPICAL RAINFORESTS
THROUGH RESEARCH AND EDUCATION



2026 Guidelines:

Applications for Student Funding



About

The Foundation

The Skyrail Rainforest Foundation has been established with the primary objective of raising and distributing funds to support tropical rainforest research and education projects.

Monies raised are paid into the Skyrail Rainforest Research Fund, which is administered by a Public Fund Management Committee, consisting of representatives with environmental management, research, education and business experience.

Our

Objectives

The Foundation's funds are utilised to support and initiate a variety of studies and projects with a specific focus on:

- Pure research aimed at understanding rainforest flora and fauna, ecosystems, processes and biological interactions
- Applied research towards improved management and use of rainforest environments around the world
- Education and communication to improve the global understanding and appreciation of tropical rainforest environments, contributing to greater awareness and improved management and protection
- Assisting projects where the primary objectives are to protect, present, conserve or rehabilitate tropical rainforest, its flora or fauna

Skyrail Rainforest Foundation objects are for research funding to be used for the purposes of research, study and investigation of:

- rare and endangered rainforest forms
- biology and ecology of rainforest canopies
- the interdependence between species
- effective management to minimise impacts
- benefits of rainforest biological resources
- downstream impacts of rainforests
- biodiversity.





STUDENT GUIDELINES: APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Your Invitation

Organisations or individuals are invited to submit funding applications for projects that meet the Foundation's objectives.

FUNDING

Skyrail Rainforest Foundation is proud to have supported research projects from a vast array of rainforest focused researchers in various disciplines for 20 years. This support has enabled many students to complete or further their studies and, ultimately, has contributed to the collective knowledge accumulated on the subject of tropical rainforests.

FOCUS FOR CURRENT FUNDING ROUND

Each year the Public Fund Management Committee consider priority areas of research and encourages research in that focus area. For this round of funding, the Foundation would particularly encourage applications that address the following focus:

Research to help inform the protection and management of the Wet Tropics Rainforest in a changing world.

GRANTS BEING OFFERED

Eligible students are invited to apply to access **research funding grants**:

- For PhD and Post Doctoral student grants of up to \$21,000 (\$7,000 pa over 3 years).
- For Honours, Graduate Diploma in Research Methods and Masters course work where there is a strong research component in the project student grants of up to \$7,000 for a one-off term.

This is a competitive round and not all applications will be successful.

Projects that address the focus of the current round of funding consistent with the objectives of the Skyrail Rainforest Foundation and that demonstrate scientific rigour and innovative research while addressing gaps in or adding to current knowledge, will be viewed more favourably.

Funding will only be provided for research purposes. Funding will not be provided for travel to, or attendance of, conferences and seminars or associated expenses for this purpose.

REPORTING AND PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS

Students will be required to submit annual progress reports and provide a final project summary of their research once completed. Satisfactory submission of progress reports demonstrating successful project progression and funding acquittal will be assessed by the Public Fund Management Committee before subsequent annual payments are made. The information may also be used in the Foundation's website and social media content, including excerpts or quotes in blog articles, press releases and news updates.

To facilitate communication and application of research findings, funding recipients are required to present their findings to conservation and protected area managers at a forum facilitated by the Wet Tropics Management Authority. This is a condition of the grant of funding.



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SUBMISSIONS

A submission form can be downloaded from skyrailfoundation.org.

Submissions limited to 3,000 words should be sent to info@skyrailfoundation.org by COB Monday 23rd March 2026.

The Public Fund Management Committee
Skyrail Rainforest Foundation
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AUSTRALIA

ASSESSMENT AND NOTIFICATION

Assessment will be undertaken by the Skyrail Rainforest Foundation Public Fund Management Committee. Applicants may be asked for additional information to support their application. The decision of the Committee will be final. Applicants will be notified of their success or otherwise in writing.

ENQUIRIES

For further information regarding submissions for funding, please contact the Skyrail Rainforest Foundation administrator by phone (07) 4038 5517 or email info@skyrailfoundation.org