

# WENTWORTH GROUP

OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

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## Wentworth Group Science Program Scholarships

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Since its inception in 2002, the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists has been active in advancing solutions to secure the long term health of Australia's land, water and biodiversity.

Comprised of eminent scientists and thinkers, the Group has three core tasks:

- Driving innovation in the management of Australia's land, water and marine resources;
- Engaging business, community and political leaders in a dialogue to find and implement solutions to the challenge of environmental stewardship facing the future of Australian society;
- Building capacity by mentoring and supporting young natural scientists and resource economists to develop their skills and understanding of public policy.

Members of the Wentworth Group are: Mr Peter Cosier, Prof Peter Cullen AO FTSE, Prof Tim Flannery, Dr Ronnie Harding, Prof Hugh Possingham FAA, Mr Robert Purves, Dr Denis Saunders AM, Prof Bruce Thom FIAG FTSE, Dr John Williams, Prof Mike Young FASSA and Ms Leith Bouilly FAIC.

### Scholarship Objectives

Too often there exists a gap between science and public policy. To bridge this gap, scientists must learn to navigate the divide. This is the intention of the Wentworth Group Scholarships. They seek to enable recipients to become active contributors at the interface of good decision making and world class science.

The scholarship funds will be offered to post-graduate students in the form of extra funds to their existing scholarship and to honours students as support funds. Each scholarship may be used over a 12 month period.

In addition to receiving financial support, recipients will be given access to master classes and mentoring by some of Australia's best scientists. Above all, recipients will be encouraged, inspired and motivated.

### Eligibility

Honours and postgraduate research students enrolled at an Australian university are eligible. They must be Australian citizens or have permanent residency.

Students with interests in natural and social sciences, economics and engineering are encouraged to apply. Supervisor endorsement is necessary.

## Uses of Scholarship

The scholarship funds are intended to be flexible and tailored to specific needs. The scholarships may be used for:

- Direct mentoring with Wentworth Group scientists
- Expenses to cover participation at a suitable conference, lecture or seminar
- Placement in a private or public entity that is committed to improving public policy outcomes
- An opportunity to undertake field work with a policy component
- Applying research to real life circumstances

Note – the scholarship cannot be used as a stipend

## Conditions to taking up scholarship

Successful applicants must agree to participate in the following:

1. Attendance at a Wentworth Group gathering of all recipients
2. Attendance at Wentworth Group Master classes and/or lectures
3. Prepare a report which may go on the Wentworth Group web site

## Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated academic excellence in chosen field
2. A basic understanding of public policy related to natural resource and environmental issues
3. Ability to provide written proof of supervisor's support
4. Demonstrated case by which a scholarship will enhance the objectives of the Wentworth Group
5. Membership or participation in areas of related interest to the scholarship

## Value and number of scholarships

10 -20 separate scholarships with a maximum value of \$10,000 for postgraduates and \$2000 for honours students. City and country students are encouraged to apply.

### How to Apply

To request an application form, please email [djohanson@wentworthgroup.org](mailto:djohanson@wentworthgroup.org)

Completed applications must be submitted by 15 March 2007

### Contact details

For more information go to [www.wentworthgroup.org/science-program](http://www.wentworthgroup.org/science-program), or contact Dinah Johanson, Science Program Co-ordinator, (02) 8667 3113