



## **Honours and Masters research grants**

Up to 16 honours / masters research grants valued at \$7,000 each will be offered this year by the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility – Settlements and Infrastructure Network. Applications will be accepted in a wide range of disciplines however the research undertaken must be relevant to the area of climate change adaptation for Settlements and Infrastructure.

Applicants must be full-time domestic students. Applicants from any Australian university may apply. If all grants are not given in this round another may be advertised later in the year, however there is no guarantee of a second round offer.

### **Eligibility**

- This round is open to full-time domestic students of Australian Universities in any discipline.
- Research must either directly inform management or assist in natural adaptation of settlements and infrastructure to climate change
- Applicants must commence their Honours / Masters research program during 2010 and show proof of acceptance to an Australian University honours /masters program.
- The student must be under the supervision of a member of the Network for Settlements and Infrastructure

### **Inclusions**

- NCCARF – Settlements and Infrastructure Honours/Masters grants valued at up to \$7000 are available.
- Each grant will consist of three payments: 1) \$5000 on commencement of the project, 2) \$1000 on receipt of finished thesis (both hardcopy and electronic) and 3) \$1000 on submission of a manuscript (to the satisfaction of the supervisor) to an appropriate journal.
- Grant funds may be used to cover research cost, attending a domestic conference and/or presenting at NCCARF conferences /workshops.

### **Application**

#### **Student details (1 page)**

Name

Student ID number

Contact details –phone/email/ mail address

University at which project is to be undertaken

Proof of acceptance into relevant Uni honours/masters program

Contact details of research office

Supervisor(s) name(s)

Supervisors contact details

Signature of supervisors showing their willingness to supervise this student and project (and submit report upon student failure to do so)

- Academic transcript – one certified copy
- Project proposal (not exceeding two pages - any pages beyond this will not be read by review panel). This should include –
  - Brief background
  - Relevance to climate change adaptation and management of settlements and infrastructure
  - Methods
  - Brief budget and justification
  - Expected projects outcomes
  - Brief timeline (can be separate page from above showing commencement/completion and reporting dates of project)

### **Selection Criteria**

- Applicant ability to undertake research and demonstrated academic record.
- Relevance of the research to the goals and outcomes of the NCCARF – Settlements and Infrastructure Network and climate change adaptation for settlements and infrastructure
- Quality and nature of the proposed project
- Overall quality of the application

### **Reporting**

- A two to three page summary report must be submitted within one month of completion of honours project. If this is not submitted by student then it will be the responsibility of the supervisor or they will not be able to apply for further support. Report to include – major findings and outcomes of the project, significance to adapting and protecting Australia's settlements and infrastructure, further research suggestions and summary of expenditure.
- A hard copy and electronic copy of the thesis (expenses to be covered by the scholarship) to be submitted to the Settlements and Infrastructure network upon completion of the project.

The NCCARF – Settlements and Infrastructure network reserves the right to publish the report (full, or extracts) on its web site and in its publications. The NCCARF – Settlements and Infrastructure 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 Robby Smith at [accarnsi@unsw.edu.au](mailto:accarnsi@unsw.edu.au) as a separate PDF or word document. Applicants will be notified of the success of their project application by email.

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