

Alfred Nicholas Fellowship 2025

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Alfred Nicholas Fellowship

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About the Scholarship

The Alfred Nicholas Fund was established in 1965, by Brayburn Securities Limited, formerly Carnbrea Pty. Limited, who offered a gift of property at Sassafras to the University for teaching and research in the biological sciences, in particular, for the use of the then departments of Zoology, Genetics and Botany. With the support of Brayburn Securities Limited, the property was later sold and the funds used to establish an endowed fund in memory of Alfred Nicholas, to provide an annual award for undergraduate or graduate students undertaking research in zoology, genetics or botany.

This fellowship is to be awarded in rotation, between the disciplines of Zoology, Genetics and Botany to an enrolled Doctor of Philosophy Science student in pursuit of an additional research project to expand the PhD project in a significant and interesting way.

This award is approximately \$18,000, paid as a stipend.

Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship, students must:

- Be enrolled in a Doctor of Philosophy - Science and undertaking research in the field of Zoology, Genetics or Botany
- Be pursuing an additional research project.
- Provide a statement of support from their supervisor.

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In **2025**, this will be awarded to a **Zoology** student.

Selection

Eligible candidates will be ranked based on:

- The extent to which the additional work will enhance the student's thesis and career prospects,
- The likely output and significance of the research, with an emphasis on big/exciting ideas.

Preference will be given to candidates who are in the second year of their PhD.

Outcome

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All scholarship outcomes will be sent via SmartyGrants.

Please see outcome timing below:

- **Round 1** (Jan-March applications): May-July
- **Round 2** (June-August applications): September-October
- **Future Rounds** - TBC

Please ensure that you check your email inbox as well as your SPAM/Junk mail as emails may sometimes be directed to these folders.

Applicant Details

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Student ID *

Must be a number.

Student Email *

Must be an email address.

Personal Email *

Must be an email address.

Area of Study

Type of Degree *

- ☐ PhD

School *

- ☐ BioSciences
☐ Chemistry
☐ Physics
☐ Mathematics & Statistics
☐ Geography, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
☐ Agriculture, Food and Ecosystem Sciences
☐ Melbourne Veterinary School

Discipline *

- ☐ Botany
☐ Genetics
☐ Zoology

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

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Are you in your second year in your PhD? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Scholarship Application

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Supervisor Details

As part of this application you must submit evidence of supervisor endorsement.

When requesting endorsement please ensure the following questions are commented on:

- Supervisors support of application,
- Confirmation that the proposal represents a currently unfunded extension of the PhD,
- The additional value that will be provided to the candidate's thesis and the originality and significance of the proposed research (<200 words).

Supervisor Name *

Letter of endorsement (from tenured staff member - supervisor or head of school) advising value of the unfunded research extension and support of application submission *

Attach a file:

Research Detail

Proposed Project Title *

Please outline your research plan and design *

Must be no more than 500 words.

Briefly outline the aims, objectives, proposed research method and timeline for the research project.

Please describe the significance of the proposed research project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Why is this research needed? What impact will this research make?

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Please describe the relationship between this planned research project and your field of study (Zoology, Genetics or Botany) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Please tell us how this planned work will add to your current thesis plan

Budget Details

Budget Details (include a reference to all other funding sources available) *

Please provide a budget and brief justification of how the award will be spent

Previous Accomplishments

Please outline your previous accomplishments, including any papers published, prizes and awards, and grants that you have received

Submission Declaration

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Final declaration and Acknowledgement

I declare that the information and content provided in this submission are true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information, misrepresentation, or failure to disclose relevant details may result in review and possible corrective actions. By submitting, I confirm my agreement to adhere to all policies, guidelines, and terms associated with this submission. *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Finding this Scholarship

How did you hear about this scholarship? *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Online search (e.g., Google) | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral from an academic/supervisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social media (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn) | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral from colleague or friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> University digital screens |

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☐ Faculty of Science Scholarship page
(science.unimelb.edu.au/students/scholarships)

☐ Email Campaigns

☐ CANVAS/LMS

☐ Event, workshop, or webinar

☐ Contact with Stop1

☐ Other:

☐ University of Melbourne Scholarship page
(scholarships.unimelb.edu.au)

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Please select all that applies.

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Now that you have finished your application, please make sure you press the SUBMIT button below.

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