

Dawson Bursary 2026

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About the Scholarship

William Henry Dawson, late of Bendigo, who died on 30 July 1949, bequeathed the balance of his residuary estate to the University for the purpose of providing a bursary in the biological sciences, preference to be given to children of returned soldiers.

The Dawson Bursary will be awarded to graduate researchers who are enrolled in the Faculty of Science and are undertaking research in the field of Biological science and who are experiencing financial need. Preference is given to children of returned soldiers.

Eligibility

To be considered for this bursary, applicants must:

- Be enrolled in a graduate research degree in the Faculty of Science and be undertaking research in the field of Anatomy, Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Botany, Genetics, Paleontology, Physiology or Zoology
- Have at least 2 years (EFTSL) of Doctoral degree candidature remaining or 1.5 years (EFTSL) of Masters degree candidature remaining
- Have met the requirements for confirmation of their candidature

Selection Criteria

The bursary is offered to candidate(s) ranked highest by the selection panel based on their research project and financial assessment score.

Preference will be given to graduate researchers who are the child of a returned soldier if ranked tenth or higher.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the University of Melbourne [Student Financial Assessment Form](#) and an application and include:

- Personal statement addressing the purpose of and commitment to their research
- Letter of endorsement from their supervisor
- Evidence of parent's military service, if applicable

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Conditions

This bursary cannot be deferred. Recipients must agree to the University sharing their name and their course details with the donor of this scholarship and provide a brief report on the benefits of the scholarship if requested.

Outcome

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
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Student ID *

Must be a number.

Student Email *

Must be an email address.

Personal Email *

Must be an email address.

Area of Study

School *

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

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Type of Degree *

- Master
- PhD

Masters Program

PhD Program

- PhD - Science
- PhD - Agricultural Sciences
- PhD - Veterinary Science

Confirmation Date *

Must be a date.

You must confirmed prior to the closing of this application

Expected Couse completion date *

Must be a date.

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Returned Solider Declaration

Do you have a parent that is a returned solider? If Yes, you must attach documentary evidence. *

- Yes
- No

If yes, documentary evidence of a parent's status as a returned soldier

Attach a file:

Supervisor Details

Supervisor Name *

Please attach a letter or email from your supervisor (no more than 100 words) that contains:

- Evidence of supervisor endorsement,
- A statement describing how your research project is significantly aligned to Anatomy, Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Botany, Genetics, Paleontology, Pathology, Physiology or Zoology.

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Please attach Evidence of Supervisor Endorsement *

Attach a file:

Research Details

I am undertaking a substantial Faculty of Science research project that is significantly aligned in the field of Biological Sciences *

Yes

The research is aligned to (please select one of the following): *

- Anatomy
- Bacteriology
- Biochemistry
- Botany
- Genetics
- Paleontology
- Pathology
- Physiology
- Zoology

Research Project Title *

Brief project description *

Must be no more than 100 words.

This should contain a project rationale and description, and if possible, the main knowledge gap that it addresses, its aims, significance and any expected outcomes

Personal statement addressing the purpose of and commitment to your research *

Scholarship Benefits

Have you submitted a Student Financial Need Assessment form? *

Yes

Applicants need to submit a Student Financial Need Assessment form to be considered for this award.

Link to apply <https://unimelb-scholarships.smartygrants.com.au/SFA>

Submission Declaration

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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? *

- Online search (e.g., Google)
- Social media (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- Faculty Newsletters
- Faculty of Science Scholarship page (science.unimelb.edu.au/students/scholarships)
- Email Campaigns
- CANVAS/LMS
- University of Melbourne Scholarship page (scholarships.unimelb.edu.au)
- Referral from an academic/supervisor
- Referral from colleague or friend
- University digital screens
- Event, workshop, or webinar
- Contact with Stop1
- Other:

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.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact: science-awards@unimelb.edu.au

