

Ian Ferguson Leadership Award 2026

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The Ian Ferguson Leadership Scholarship is to be awarded to student who can demonstrate **academic excellence and provide examples of leadership contribution and development** within the University of Melbourne community and society.

This award is offered to a high achieving student enrolled in the first year of the Master of Ecosystem Management and Conservation or its successor, who can demonstrate:

- Leadership contributions to the University, for example, leadership development programs, mentoring roles, student ambassadorial roles; and/or,
- Leadership development and activities outside the University,
- Academic achievement as measured by performance in first 50 credit points of the Master of Ecosystem Management and Conservation, or its successor.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship you need to:

- Be enrolled in the first year of the Master of Ecosystem Management and Conservation, or its successor.
- Provide a statement to the school outlining:
 - Their interest in the program of study,
 - Insights into their career interests,
 - Leadership contributions and activities within and outside the university.

Selection Criteria

Eligible candidates will be ranked based on:

- Academic achievement in the Master of Ecosystem Management and Conservation; and
- Leadership contributions, development, and activities within and outside the University, as outlined in their application.

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

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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.

Course information

School *

Agriculture, Food and Ecosystem Sciences

Masters Program *

Master of Ecosystem Management and Conservation

You must be enrolled in the Master of Ecosystem Management and Conservation to be considered for this scholarship

I am enrolled in the first year of the Master of Ecosystem Management and Conservation *

Yes

In-depth Student Profile

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Student Profile

Provide a detailed explanation of your interests and motivations regarding your current course of study? *

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Please outline your study and/or career ambitions in your field of study. *

Please describe your reasons for applying for this scholarship, and how these funds may assist you. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

This may include, for example, using funds to reduce your hours of part-time employment, alleviating financial need or disadvantage, travel to a conference etc

Leadership contributions and activities

Please describe a situation from the last five years where you have used your leadership skills to bring about positive change or where you have inspired others to bring about positive change. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Please describe any leadership contributions you have made to the University of Melbourne. *

Word count:

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This might include, for example, mentoring or student ambassadorial roles. Please include the title of the event / program and year; Description of the activities noting how they related to leadership or leadership development, Your participation in the event and time of involvement - ie. were you involved as a mentor, organiser, participant etc.

Please describe any leadership development and activities you have participated in outside the University of Melbourne. *

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This could include, for example, examples of good citizenship, community involvement or development that demonstrates your active engagement with the broader community, volunteering, mentoring etc. Please include Title of the event / program and year; Organisation or community involved; Description of the activities noting how they related to leadership or leadership development; Your participation in the event and time of involvement - ie. were you involved as a mentor, organiser, participant etc.

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? *

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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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty of Science Scholarship page (science.unimelb.edu.au/students/scholarships) | <input type="checkbox"/> Event, workshop, or webinar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email Campaigns | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact with Stop1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANVAS/LMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University of Melbourne Scholarship page (scholarships.unimelb.edu.au) | |

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