

Madeleine Selwyn-Smith Memorial Award 2025

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About the Scholarship

Madeleine Ethel Selwyn-Smith who died on 11 November, 1964, by her Will dated 2nd of December, 1960 appointed The Union Trustee Company of Australia Limited and Ross Grey Smith to be executors and trustees of her estate.

By her Will the testatrix bequeathed to her trustees 'the sum of Five thousand pounds' ... to establish one or more of the following objects namely a Memorial fund, bursary, scholarship or prize for students engaged in arboricultural research or generally to further the planting maintenance or preservation of trees.'

The income from the bequest has been applied by the trustees from time to time on the recommendation of the University towards the provision of bursaries to graduate students, the funding of expenses for postgraduate research into arboriculture and the furtherance of the planting, maintenance or preservation of trees, and the purchase of appropriate books and equipment for the Agriculture, Forestry and Horticulture branch library.

The Madeleine Selwyn-Smith Memorial Fund Scholarship (MSSM) will be awarded to a **graduate student studying arboriculture**.

The scholarship is available to provide support for **student research projects** for postgraduate studies. This may include participation at conferences, travel support, field-work support, or purchase of specialist equipment.

The scholarship value is \$1,000 for masters students and \$3,000 for Graduate Research Science students.

This Scholarship is available to:

- Graduate coursework
- Graduate research

Note: Graduate Researchers need to apply for [Study Away](#) if travelling for research-related activities away from the University.

Eligibility

To be considered for this award, students must:

- Be enrolled in a graduate coursework or graduate research program in the School of Agriculture, Food and Ecosystem Sciences (SAFES), or its successor; and,
- Be undertaking research in the discipline of arboriculture.

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Selection Criteria

- The strength of the proposed research project and its alignment to arboriculture
- The impact of additional support on the research project

The committee has discretion not to consider any student who has already received at least two instances of this award.

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
<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 *

Type of Degree *

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You must be a graduate student to receive this scholarship

Masters Program *

PhD Program *

Are you currently undertaking research in the discipline of arboriculture? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Research Scholarship Application

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Research Details

Research Project Title *

Please describe your research and its alignment to arboriculture. *

Must be no more than 500 words.

In your description, please include the rationale for your project and clearly indicate key dates/milestones.

Scholarship Benefits

Demonstrate the scholarship's potential impact on your research project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Please explain how you will use this award to enhance your studies and contribute to the field of arboriculture or generally the furtherance of the planting, maintenance or preservation of trees *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

If travelling, have you applied for and been granted approval to Study Away?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

*Graduate Researchers are required to apply for Study Away if travelling for research-related activities away from the University. <https://gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au/being-a-candidate/study-away/apply>

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: <div></div> |

- ☐ 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.

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