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## **AUSTRALIAN FLORA FOUNDATION**

### **RESEARCH GRANTS - for funding in 2005**

The Australian Flora Foundation was established in 1981 with the aim of fostering scientific research on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants. It was thought that by encouraging research, a greater awareness of the value of the Australian flora would be developed resulting in explicit measures for their conservation and utilization. Funds for research are raised through the membership of the Foundation, donations from various sources and the interest from bequests. Grants are available for projects, which commence from December 2004. The Foundation expects to support between two and four projects at up to \$12,000 each in 2005 with possible extension into 2006.

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:** Applications for grants to support original scientific projects on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants are invited from research workers in Australia. The Australian Flora Foundation is especially interested in projects in the following areas:

**General:**

- 1) conservation of Australian plant diversity
- 2) plant species with potential for cultivation
- 3) cultivation of Australian plants
- 4) rare and endangered plants.

All applications on rare and endangered plants should indicate how the research relates to the management plan for the species. The Foundation does not fund projects that are predominantly for equipment or travel (other than for essential fieldwork), publications, research on orchids, or taxonomy.

Projects must be scientifically sound. Applicants must be suitably qualified or identify a qualified project supervisor.

There is no application form. Applications are in two stages. Preliminary applications of two A4 pages should indicate the purpose of the project, the likely costs and the research protocol. The institution or company to which the applicant is attached, a contact phone number and postal address must be included. An email address would be appreciated. Preliminary application will be accepted until 12<sup>th</sup> March 2004.

Each application will be evaluated on closeness to the objectives of the Australian Flora Foundation, the scientific merit of the project, the likely success within the stipulated timeframe, and the availability of funds. Full applications will be invited from those which best fit the criteria. Full applications will be assessed by the Scientific Research Committee and successful applicants notified in September 2004. Funds will become available to commence research from December 2004.

Applications should preferably be submitted electronically as an MS Word file attached to an email to: [richard.williams@uq.edu.au](mailto:richard.williams@uq.edu.au)

Alternatively, a 3.5cm disc or hard copy may be mailed to:

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Enquiries: to the above addresses.

**Important dates:**

Preliminary applications due by	<b><u>12<sup>th</sup> March, 2004</u></b>
Short-listed applicants advised	late April
Full applications due by	mid June
Board meets	August
Successful applicant advised	September
Funds available from	December 2004
Final report due	June 2006
Final payment (contingent on acceptance of final report)	June 2006

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