2020 Australian Archaeological Association Student Research Grant Scheme

The Australian Archaeological Association Student Research Grant Scheme (SRGS) is a competitive grant that awards funds for costs directly relevant to a student's research in archaeology including, for example, fieldwork, travel to gather data, and sample dating. The SRGS covers research costs that are in excess of standard Honours and Postgraduate university funding (e.g. Postgraduate travel awards, School funding, etc.).

Conditions of Award

1. The amounts awarded are a maximum of $750 for an Honours or Masters by Coursework Research student, $1,200 for a Masters by Research candidate, and $1,800 for a PhD student. Students undertaking Masters by Coursework only are not eligible.

2. The award is open to full-time and part-time students enrolled in an Australian institution.

3. The project must have a focus on archaeological research within the Australasian region in line with the Australian Archaeology Association journal 'Aims and Scope' guidelines. (Australasia comprises Australia, New Zealand, Melanesia and nearby areas).

4. The applicant must be a AAA member in the year of application.

5. The SRGS award may not be used for conference travel; therefore, do not include a conference budget in your application. If you need assistance to the annual AAA conference, our organisation offers students and indigenous representatives an opportunity to apply for travel subsidies later in the year.

6. Monies are awarded for costs directly related to the project specified in the application and may not be used for any other purpose.

7. A research grant will not be awarded for a completed project.

8. If the project is not completed by the end date specified on the application, or any extension of the end date approved in writing by the SRGS sub-committee, any unspent portion of the award may be forfeit.

9. Students will be eligible for only one award during enrolment in one research higher degree program. A student who has received an award and who subsequently completes their degree program is eligible to receive another award if they later enrol in a further research higher degree program. Students who have received an award at any level and who subsequently transfer to the same degree level at another research higher degree program will not be eligible for a second award.

10.   All publications, reports, posters and theses arising from research supported by the AAA Student Research Grant are expected to acknowledge its support.

11.   An abstract of the awardee's research will be submitted for publication in Australian Archaeology, along with a presentation and/or a poster at the AAA conference.

12.   All receipts for costs associated with the SRGS must be retained and submitted to the AAA along with a brief report on their project, outlining the perceived benefits of the award to their research and thesis. This report (plus receipts) must be submitted within 3 months of completion of the thesis or 1 year from award (whichever comes first for awardee).

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Selection Process
Formal assessment of applications will be undertaken by the AAA SRGS sub-committee. Grants are awarded based on the merit of the proposed project, its feasibility and the academic merit/ record of the applicant. The number of awards granted is at the discretion of the AAA SRGS sub-committee.

Completing the application
Please ensure the application is complete and accompanied by the following documentation:
1. Project outline,
2. Budget,
3. Budget justification,
4. Supervisor's reference/evidence of community support, and
5. Academic transcript and curriculum vitae.

YOUR APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. The project outline (minimum one page, maximum two) will include the following:

- a summary of the research problem;
- how the work relates to the student's overall research plan for their degree;
- value of the research project to national and international archaeological research;
- details of the proposed research to be funded by the award, including methods, materials and location; and
- (Postgraduate students only) if the student is seeking funding for current research activities which may then require significant additional funding to complete, an outline on how the student proposes to fund the extra research needed to finish the MPhil/PhD.

2. Budget: a detailed budget must be submitted, including specific quotes where appropriate (airfares, equipment purchases, etc.). Applicants must be specific about what the money is needed for.

3. Budget justification: the student will outline why the money is necessary for completion of research.

4. A reference letter from the student's supervisor including evidence of Traditional Owner/community support if applicable.

5. Academic transcript and Curriculum Vitae

Submitting the application

Please refer to the previous section, as all supporting materials for your application must be submitted in order of the five points detailed above. Additionally, all completed applications must be submitted as a single PDF file, with the file named in the following format:

Surname_Firstname_AcademicInstitution_SRGS_2020.pdf

e.g., Citizen_John_UniSyd_SRGS_2020.pdf

APPLICATIONS NOT PREPARED AS LISTED ABOVE MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM CONSIDERATION

Your completed PDF application may be submitted electronically to Professor Jane Balme, Chair of the SRGS Committee.
Email: jane.balme@uwa.edu.au

Personal details

Name:	Email:
Contact phone:	Postal address:
Degree enrolled in:	University:
Student ID:	Are you on a scholarship?

Application details

Research start date: end date:

Supervisors:

Have you previously applied for the Student Research Grant?:

Research details

Research project title:

What is the research activity?

How is this funding essential to your research?

If you have been enrolled in this degree for more than one year, what is the present status of your project (i.e. how far through the research process have you progressed and what have you achieved or produced to date)?:

Have funds for this project been obtained or requested from other sources? Details:

Agreement

I understand the guidelines that govern this application and I understand there is no automatic entitlement to this fund. Upon receiving approval for this application, the funds will be used as outlined in this submission.

Student signature: Date:

Supervisor name: Date:

Supervisor signature: