

Application for Summer Scholarship
School of Geography and Environmental Science
Monash University, Clayton Campus.

The School of Geography and Environmental Science, Clayton Campus, offers a small number of competitive Summer Scholarships for prospective Honours Students. Each scholarship comprises a total of \$Aus 1,000 and is usually taken as a salary over a period of four weeks in the summer break period, December-February (and before the commencement of teaching in the following year). Typically, the program would comprise the equivalent of four weeks full-time work, but to allow greater flexibility the actual period of engagement can be negotiated with the student's scholarship program supervisor and the Honours Coordinator. To apply, applicants need to be eligible to apply for the SGES Honours program (i.e. that they have already, or will by the commencement of the following academic year, be eligible for Honours).

The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for able and enthusiastic prospective Honours students to gain experience in research under close expert supervision. Ideally, the program should involve engagement with a range of selected practical and/or theoretical skills and knowledge that will prove useful in the students' Honours project or more widely in their chosen research career. To maximise the benefit to the student and the School, it is required that the research program be negotiated between the scholarship applicant and the proposed research supervisor before the application is lodged. This means that a plan for the project be arranged according to the students' interests, experience and ability, along with what the proposed supervisor considers to be the availability, cost and suitability of research opportunities. The latter will include such issues as health and safety and ethics clearance considerations where appropriate, and a range of other issues such as workload implications for the supervisor. The project may involve a contribution to an existing staff members' research project, or it may comprise a separate individually-tailored set of tasks. The summer scholarship supervisor will typically be the person who will continue to act as the students' Honours project supervisor, but a case can be mounted for the engagement of another SGES academic staff member who can offer a range of useful specialist skills. In the latter case, the summer scholarship supervisor and the Honours supervisor should liaise on an appropriate summer scholarship project.

The summer scholarship is a competitive process. Successful applicants will be considered on the basis of three criteria: eligibility for and intention to enrol in the SGES Honours program, the students' previous academic record, and the merit of the proposed project (the latter including the likely contribution of the project to the students' intended Honours project as well as the academic or vocational merit of the proposed program). Summer Scholarship applications will be evaluated by a panel comprising the SGES Honours Coordinator, a senior SGES academic, and the proposed summer scholarship project supervisor.

The application form is included on the following page. Please complete the form and have it signed by your proposed Summer Scholarship supervisor. Applications should be forwarded to the SGES Honours Coordinator by the end of the second week in November. Applicants will be notified during the last week of November.

