



Australian Biological Resources Study National Taxonomy Research Grant Program for 2015–16

Research Grants Capacity-Building Grants

Australia is home to around 8 per cent of the world's plant and animal species — with an estimated 566,400 species occurring here. Every day we are making new and exciting discoveries about Australia's biodiversity, yet only about 25 per cent of Australia's species have been formally described.

The Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) is contributing to furthering our knowledge of the taxonomy of Australia's flora and fauna. Over the last 12 months, research projects funded by the ABRS have resulted in the description of 32 new genera and 273 new species — however, there is still much more to be discovered.

Research Grants

- The ABRS offers three year **Research and Postdoctoral Fellowship Grants** where the researcher's primary aim is to undertake taxonomic research on the Australian biota or to develop products that aid in the dissemination of taxonomic information on the Australian biota.

Capacity-Building Grants

- The ABRS offers **Capacity-Building Grants** for taxonomic and systematics research on Australian flora and fauna in the form of Honours, Masters and PhD awards.
- The ABRS is also offering applicants beginning a **PhD on an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)** in 2015, the opportunity to top up the existing APA rate (\$25,392 in 2014) by \$10,000 per year.

Application forms and further details

Documentation is available for both the Research and Capacity-Building Grant streams under the 2015–16 round.

For more information and to view the documentation, please go to the ABRS website:

Research Grants

www.environment.gov.au/node/13657

Capacity-Building Grants

www.environment.gov.au/node/13649

Applications for 2015–16 close 31 October 2014

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