

Student Challenge

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Want to experience hands-on conservation?

Imagine spending a week in an amazing location with students from all over Australia, exploring solutions for a more sustainable relationship with our environment. The Earthwatch Student Challenge is a once in a lifetime opportunity for a select number of Year 10 - 12 students to experience environmental research first hand.

- No prior experience is necessary.
- Working with leading scientists, you will be trained in many aspects of scientific field work and gain valuable insights into conservation research.

About Earthwatch

Earthwatch is a global environmental charity aiming to create a society that lives in balance with nature by empowering people to save the natural world.



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Eligibility

George Alexander Foundation (GAF) fellowships are available if you are currently:

- a year 10, 11 or 12 student
- attending a South Australian government school.

Applications close

Sunday 17 July 2022 at 11:59PM



Apply now!

Click here, use the QR code on the right or copy the link <https://bit.ly/3IVZjCd> to apply. Be quick! Numbers are strictly limited.

Please note, a Letter of Reference from your teacher or principal is required to apply.



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Ecosystems of the Murray River and Mallee



For successful applicants, the fellowship covers:

- Flights and airport transfers
- Insurance
- All meals and accommodation
- Field transport and research equipment
- Professionally and academically transferrable skills

"Thank you so much George Alexander Foundation for giving me the opportunity to be apart of positive change and a life changing experience. In my small town there are not many people that have the same interests as me or care about the environment. So whilst on this expedition I felt like I belonged, and could see myself doing something similar in the future as a full-time career!" - 2021 Participant

Join scientists at Calperum Station to help increase understanding of the boom and bust cycle of plants and animals in the semi-arid zone on the banks of the mighty Murray River. Learn about the recovery process of ecosystems after 150 years of cattle grazing and how this information can be used to help restore land elsewhere and prepare for the challenges of climate change.

The findings of your research will help the Australian Landscape Trust, who own and manage Calperum and Taylorville Stations, to better design and implement management and restoration programs for the Stations.

Activities may include:

- Small mammal and reptile trapping
- Vegetation studies and surveys of habitat characteristics
- Wetland and water surveys
- Grazing pressure surveys
- Tree health assessments

COVID Vaccination Policy:

For minors (students under the age of 18 years), COVID vaccinations are strongly encouraged and boosters are recommended. It is not compulsory for students to be vaccinated in order to participate in a Student Challenge expedition. Policy may change.

Dates

2 October - 8 October 2022

Accommodation

Dormitory style with shared rooms and a separate toilet block.

Location

Calperum Station, SA

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