

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 Queensland Government school.

Applications close

Sunday April 17 2022 at 11:59PM

Apply now!

[Click here](https://bit.ly/3Ku8hq), use the QR code on the right or copy the link <https://bit.ly/3Ku8hq> 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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Protecting the Reef's Coastal Frontier



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

"If it were not for the scholarship, I would not have been able to go on the expedition. I was able to learn about the mangroves, collect important data, and meet with like-minded students without worrying about spending hundreds of dollars. The GAF scholarship also gave me the chance to experience living in a group house at university, showing me what life could be like when I move out of home in 18 months." - 2021 Participant

Mangroves are one of the world's most underrated coastal ecosystems. You may not know it, but mangroves provide most of our seafood, help clean the waters of the Great Barrier Reef, protect coasts from storms and erosion, are home to iconic wildlife, and are carbon storage powerhouses that help reduce carbon in the atmosphere. Unfortunately, mangroves are globally threatened by climate change, sea level rise and coastal development.

This is your chance to have some muddy fun and help researchers understand how mangrove forests respond to severe flood events and develop strategies to protect and enhance these coastal habitat heroes into the future.

Activities may include:

- Estuary shoreline video assessment in boats
- Mangrove forest flood recovery surveys
- Saltmarsh SAVER rapid assessments
- Mangrove crab and fauna 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

3 July - 9 July 2022

Accommodation

Dormitory style with shared rooms and a separate toilet block.

Location

Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre, Gladstone, QLD

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