

# Student Challenge



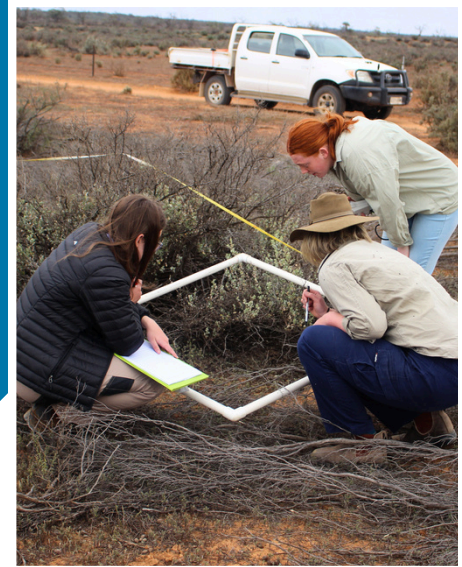
Want to experience hands-on conservation?

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 or Victorian government school.

**Applications close**  
**August 24th, 2025 at 11:59PM**



Apply now!

[Click here](#), use the QR code on the right or copy the link <https://buff.ly/4axyDGGr> 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 transferable skills

*"I absolutely loved not only applying everything I learnt prior to real-life scenarios, but expanding on my knowledge from learning everything there is to know about ecology from the scientists and staff. It was so incredibly engaging, and I'm so excited to pursue conservation related studies in the future:" - 2024 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
- Dune restoration
- Grazing pressure surveys
- Tree health assessments

**Dates**

3rd Oct - 8th Oct 2025

**Accommodation**

Dormitory style with shared rooms and a separate toilet block.

**Location**

Calperum Station, SA

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