

2020 ROBSON & ROBERTSON AWARDS

APPLICATION FORM

Please forward this Application Form and any supporting documentation to dirima.cuthbert@uwa.edu.au by **5pm AWST 1 October 2020**.

1. STUDENT DETAILS

SURNAME:	GIVEN NAMES:
TITLE: Ms, Mr etc.	STUDENT ID:
SCHOOL/CENTRE:	TELEPHONE NO:
DEGREE:	EMAIL ADDRESS:

DOMESTIC STUDENT **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT:** Student Visa Expiry date:

2. PROJECT DETAILS

Project title
Project description
What is the impact of your project
How important are the Award funds to your project?
What other sources of funding have you applied for?
Date funding required

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

School to administer funds on my behalf through an approved Project Grant (fund group 10 or 63). Please provide the following essential information to enable transfer of funds:

Business Unit _____ Project Grant: 10 _____ or 63 _____

3. STUDENT AUTHORISATION FOR ROBSON & ROBERTSON AWARDS

- I confirm my Research Proposal has been approved
- I confirm I intend to use these funds to further my research in the area of marine research
- I confirm all research milestones are up-to-date at the time of submitting this form

4. SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

Signature: _____

Date: _____

5. COORDINATING SUPERVISOR

Coordinating supervisor signature:

Date:

Coordinating supervisor name (please print):

5.1 JOINT SUPERVISORS (if applicable):

Supervisor signature:

Date:

Supervisor name (please print):

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INFORMATION SHEET

Submission due: 5pm AWST 1 October 2020

Thanks to the generous support of the Jock Clough Marine Foundation, UWA Oceans Institute (OI) is once again delighted to present the Robson and Robertson Awards. The Robson and Robertson Awards recognize the founders of the UWA Oceans Institute, Emeritus Professors Alan Robson and Alistair Robertson, and provide opportunities for outstanding Higher Degree by Research Candidates to undertake important and innovative marine research.

The Robson and Robertson Awards may be granted for fieldwork, conference attendance, travel or anything else deemed relevant to a UWA PhD or Masters by research in marine research.

Eligibility

1. Robson and Robertson Awards are available to full-time and part-time HDR PhD and Masters Candidates enrolled at UWA and undertaking work with a significant marine research component.
2. Degrees must have a minimum duration of at least two years, full-time equivalent.
3. An applicant's research proposal must have been approved by the relevant Board, e.g. Board of the Graduate Research School, or Faculty Board, prior to approval of an Award.
4. Awards will normally be granted to students during their candidacy. With the written support of the Supervisor and Head of School/Graduate Research Coordinator, an Award may be granted in the period up to three months after submission of the thesis for examination, but the Award is required to be used before graduation.
5. Award recipients in a given year are eligible to enter in subsequent years, regardless of whether their past entry was successful or not.
6. Awards are not offered retrospectively.
7. **Applications must be submitted by 5pm AWST 1 October 2020.**

Awards

8. Awards are between \$1,000 and \$15,000 AUD.
9. Awards are to be used for discrete research elements: i.e. a product or service that will further your research capabilities, not for salary.
10. Applications will be judged by a panel consisting of representatives from the OI and OI Advisory Board.
11. Entries will be judged as follows:
 - a. Research Excellence and Impact 50% - How will your research be seen to have value within your academic discipline, and how will it make a difference to the broader community, beyond academia?
 - b. Significance of the Award 50% - how will the Award contribute to, or extend, your research program?
12. One week prior to submission, OI will host the Robson and Robertson Workshop, a half day session led by science communicator Dr Heather Bray and OI Communications Officer, Dr Tina Zhang to help applicants develop their written applications into an oral presentation. Awardees may be asked to present at various Robson and Robertson events throughout the year, including the Awards Ceremony. The Workshop will take place **9:30am-12 noon 24 September 2020 at OceanWorks, Level 1, IOMRC. Please register your attendance with tina.zhang@uwa.edu.au by 17 September 2020, referring to Robson and Robertson Workshop in the email subject heading.**

Awards Ceremony

13. COVID restrictions allowing, the **2020 Robson and Robertson Awards will be conferred at an event that will take place in the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre (IOMRC) Auditorium: 5:30pm - 8:30pm, 8th October, 2020.**
14. Invitees to the ceremony will include Award sponsor and Chair of the OI Board, Mr Jock Clough, Members of the OI Board, the OI Director, and distinguished guests from across the UWA Executive, IOMRC partners and past Robson and Robertson Awardees. All Entrants are strongly encouraged to attend the Awards Ceremony, except in extenuating circumstances.
15. Awardees may be asked to present their application at the Awards Ceremony. We strongly recommend that

Applicants attend the Robson and Robertson Workshop (12, above) in preparation.

Awardee Obligations

Travel

16. If the Award is to be used for travel, payment will be issued for airfares only when the air travel has been booked according to the University policy, via the approved Travel Management System, CONCUR. Bookings made outside CONCUR are not eligible for payment.
17. Awardees must comply with the University's Travel Insurance Policy <http://www.safety.uwa.edu.au/policies/travel> and take additional insurance where any period of leave is not related to their degree program.
18. If the Award is for travel, Awardees must confirm that they have read and will comply with the UWA Travel Policy at: <https://www.web.uwa.edu.au/global-engagement/international-travel> and that all travel will be booked through UWA Concur
19. Awardees must confirm they have read the UWA Travel Insurance Policy: <https://www.spp.uwa.edu.au/riskandlegal/insurance>
20. If the Award is for work overseas, Awardees must confirm that they have read the University's Working Overseas Guidelines: <https://www.safety.uwa.edu.au/topics/off-campus/working-overseas>
21. If the Award is for overseas, Awardees must confirm they have read and understood the latest Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) travel advice: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/travel/Pages/travel>

Reporting

22. Within one month of utilizing their Award, Awardees must submit a written report outlining the benefits of the Award to their research to their Research Supervisor and Head of School/Graduate Research Coordinator and OI Executive Assistant dirima.cuthbert@uwa.edu.au.
23. Please attach receipts to this report matching the value of the Award.
24. Any unspent funds must be returned to OI within one year of the announcement of the Award i.e. by 8 October 2021.

All Awardees should be prepared to participate in activities to support the objectives of the Robson and Robertson awards in promoting marine science research.