

APPLICATION

Tasmanian Devil Project Grant

Grants are available to support research and management programs that meet the key priority areas of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program (see www.tassiedevil.com.au).



Use this application form for (please tick one):

- Dr Eric Guiler Tasmanian Devil Research Grant
- Tasmanian Devil Management Project Grant
- Tasmanian Devil Community Project Grant

Scholarships are also available under a separate application process:

- Dr Eric Guiler Tasmanian Devil Honours Scholarship: Applications for honours projects should be submitted on the UTAS Tasmania Honours Scholarships Application form available at: www.scholarships.utas.edu.au
- Tasmanian Devil Elite Scholarship: Applications for Elite scholarships should be submitted on the UTAS Elite Scholarships Application form available at: www.utas.edu.au/graduate-research/elite

Guidelines for applicants

Applications are considered by the Tasmanian Devil Research Advisory Committee in two rounds each year:

- Round one closing date: 30 May
- Round two closing date: 30 October

Applications should not exceed 4 pages attached to this form.

All grants will be publically announced at the time of award by the University of Tasmania. Recipients will be required to submit a 6-monthly progress and a final report at the completion of one year from the grant allocation.

Applicant details

Name _____

Position and affiliation _____

Address _____

Tel _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Mobile _____

Project details

Title/name of project _____

Supervisor (if applicable) _____

Amount of grant \$ _____

Description

Provide a project abstract of no more than 50 words suitable for announcements to the general public.



Project summary

Include aims, significance and key objectives. Attach sheets as necessary.

Project plan

Detail project timeline, milestones, budget and performance indicators. Attached sheets as necessary.

Other information

Please outline any other information that will support your application. Attach sheets as necessary.

Signed (applicant write in full) _____ Signature _____

Signed (supervisor write in full) _____ Signature _____

Date _____

24/06/2010

GUIDELINES: Tasmanian Devil Project

Grants and Scholarships



1.0 The Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal

The Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal (the Appeal) is an initiative of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program (the Program) coordinated by the University of Tasmania Foundation (UTAS Foundation).

The Program is Australia's official national response to Devil Facial Tumour Disease, an extremely unusual contagious cancer ravaging the last remaining population of Tasmanian devils. It involves a partnership between the Australian Commonwealth Government, the Tasmanian State Government and the University of Tasmania and Australian Zoos and wildlife parks, backed by the international conservation and wildlife management expert community. The Program is delivered through the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) as well as, wildlife parks and zoos in Australia and international collaborations with research institutions and universities in Australia and overseas.

The Program's vision is an enduring and functioning population of Tasmanian devils living wild in Tasmania, with objectives to:

- Maintain the genetic diversity of the Tasmanian devil population;
- Maintain the Tasmanian devil population in the wild; and
- Manage the ecological impacts of a reduced Tasmanian devil population over its natural range.

To help fulfil this vision, the Appeal was created in 2003 to raise funds to support the primary objectives of the Program. 100% of the funds raised by the Appeal go to the research and management activities that have been prioritised as important to the long-term solution to DFTD and the aim to keep Tasmanian devils sustainable in the wild.

The Appeal makes funds available through the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal Committee (STDAC) via advice from the Tasmanian Devil Research Advisory Committee (TDRAC). TDRAC's grant allocation priorities are established by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program Steering Committee, and grant applications will be assessed as to whether their purpose aligns closely with those priorities.

All grant applications are received and assessed by TDRAC and funds for approved projects are made available through three Project Grants and two Scholarships:

Grants

- Dr Eric Guiler Tasmanian Devil Research Grant;
- Tasmanian Devil Management Project Grant; and
- Tasmanian Devil Community Project Grant.

Scholarships

- Dr Eric Guiler Tasmanian Devil Honours Scholarship; and
- Tasmanian Devil Elite Scholarship.

2.0 General criteria against which all applications will be assessed

The general criteria in Sections 2.1 and 2.2 are applicable to all grant applications and will be used to assist in the assessment of all grant applications.

Additional specific criteria relating to each type of grant are identified under their specific headings in the relevant sections of these guidelines.

Only high-quality projects will be supported.

2.1 Alignment with the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program priorities

Applications for all grants must be aligned with the current key Program priority areas. The Program is broad and covers the following priorities:

2.1.1 Maintain genetic diversity of Tasmanian devil populations

- Understand DFTD transmission and develop and implement husbandry and management practices to minimise transmission risk;
- Understand the genetic diversity of the Tasmanian devil population;
- Understand the nature of DFTD and its relationship with the genome and the biology of the Tasmanian devil throughout the natural range of the species; and
- Develop and implement a comprehensive insurance population strategy.

2.1.2 Maintain Tasmanian devil populations in the wild

- Understand the progression and impact of DFTD on the wild Tasmanian devil population;
- Develop and implement measures to suppress DFTD in the wild Tasmanian devil population;
- Identify potentially resistant genomes and manage the Tasmanian devil population to favour the persistence of those genomes;
- Develop and apply vaccines and treatments for DFTD; and
- Build an insurance population to levels which will allow reintroduction of Tasmanian devils into their natural range.

2.1.3 Manage the ecological impacts of reduced Tasmanian devil populations in their natural range

- Understand the ecological consequences of a reduced Tasmanian devil population over the natural range;
- Develop and implement management strategies to minimise negative impacts, including those associated with feral predator populations such as cats and foxes; and
- Minimise the loss of diversity of the organisms associated with Tasmanian devils, including commensal, symbiotic and parasitic flora and fauna, by understanding their nature, diversity and variability and by maintaining wild populations of devils with a full natural suite of associated organisms.

2.2 Alignment with the University of Tasmania Foundation

As an initiative coordinated by the UTAS Foundation, all grant projects must have a link with the fulfilment of the Foundation's missions and goals. In a practical sense, this means that UTAS must be involved to some degree in the project or that some demonstrable and tangible benefit must flow back to UTAS from the making of a grant.

The Committee will also consider whether:

- The grant contribution represents value for money; and/or
- The Program will gain exposure and visibility through the project; and/or
- The aims and goals of UTAS, the UTAS Foundation and the Program align with those of other sponsors or supporters of the project.

2.2.1 Applications for research grants will be more likely to be successful where:

- they are part of a collaborative research project in which UTAS is involved; or
- they fall within a research area of priority as determined by TDRAC, and a commitment is made by the grant recipient to confer rights in the research outcomes to UTAS.

2.2.2 Applications for management and community grants will be more likely to be successful where they involve a project in which UTAS can meaningfully participate. For example, successful applications will be for projects which allow or facilitate:

- UTAS undertaking research; and/or
- UTAS providing research opportunities for its staff or students; and/or
- UTAS establishing educational and research facilities (including in the field).

3.0 Research Project Grants

3.2 Dr Eric Guiler Research Grant

Value	Description	Closing dates
\$30,000	grants of up to \$30 000 are available to assist with research costs for projects endorsed by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis according to research priorities and as funding allows.	Round 1: 30 May Round 2: 30 October

Organisations and individuals, nationally and internationally, may apply for Dr Eric Guiler research grants.

Applications for research grants should be for research projects that closely align with the Program's priority areas identified in Section 2.0 of these guidelines. The more closely aligned with these priorities, the more likely the application is to be successful.

As noted in Section 2.2, the UTAS Foundation must ensure that UTAS secures some benefit from the outcomes of the research project. This will generally mean that successful applicants will be required to transfer the project outputs (including, as a general rule, intellectual property generated in the research) to UTAS. Wherever possible, the applicant should indicate clearly how the project's outcomes will be shared, including ownership of intellectual property.

4.0 Management Project Grants

Value	Duration	Closing dates
\$30,000	Grants of up to \$30 000 are available to assist with projects that contribute to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program's management priorities. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis according to priorities and as funding allows.	Round 1: 30 May Round 2: 30 October

Organisations and individuals, nationally and internationally, may apply for Management Project grants. Applications should be for projects that closely align with the Program's priority areas identified in Section 2.0 of these guidelines. The more closely aligned with these priorities, the more likely the application is to be successful. Applicants must demonstrate how the project will be integrated into or supports current activities within the Program and the application may include some kind of referee or endorsement from the Program.

4.1 Monitoring and management project grants

Successful grant applications will also align closely with the priority areas identified by the Program Steering Committee as listed below:

- Develop and implement measures to suppress DFTD in the wild Tasmanian devil population;
- Monitoring devil populations across Tasmania;
- Determining location of disease front;
- Understanding the movement of devils in the wild; and
- Ecosystem impacts of devil decline.

4.2 Captive management project grants

Successful grant applications will also align closely with the following priority areas identified by the Program Steering Committee as listed below:

- Captive breeding and husbandry developments;
- Insurance populations;
- Free range enclosures; and
- Collaboration with private wildlife parks.

5.0 Community Project Grants

Value	Duration	Closing dates
\$30,000	Grants of up to \$30 000 are available to assist with projects that contribute to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program's management priorities. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis according to priorities and as funding allows.	Round 1: 30 May Round 2: 30 October

Organisations and individuals, nationally and internationally, may apply for Community Project grants. Applications should be for projects that closely align with the Program's priority areas identified in Section 2.0 of these guidelines. The more closely aligned with these priorities, the more likely the application is to be successful. Applicants must demonstrate how the project will be integrated into or supports current activities within the Program and the application may include some kind of referee or endorsement from the Program. Applicants also need to show how their community project could provide opportunities for involvement with UTAS. By way of example, successful applications will be able to clearly link the community project with the collection of information that could be used in teaching or research.

5.1 Community based monitoring programs:

- e.g. deploying and servicing sentinel cameras;

5.2 Roadkill mitigation and reduction e.g. traffic-calming devices, warning signs:

- implement wildlife-sensitive road design, such as taking into account landscape characteristics dangerous for devils (e.g. deep gutters and steep banks), and use of features to allow escape from the road (e.g. runways, pipes and ramps); or
- provide or maintain of corridors of suitable habitat in off-reserve areas.

5.3 Community based support for the insurance meta-population program including:

- husbandry support including feeding and monitoring devils within FRE's; or
- maintenance and security of fenced populations and fences including weed and fire management activities. to ensure fencing infrastructure is protected.

6.0 Scholarships

6.1 Dr Eric Guiler Honours Scholarship

Value	Description	Closing dates
\$5,000	Two scholarships are provided each year by the Tasmanian Devil Research Advisory Committee in recognition of the work of the late Dr Guiler in zoological teaching and research.	Available to UTAS honours students undertaking research related to the Devil Facial Tumour Disease currently affecting the Tasmanian devil population. Study in semester 1, 31 October year prior Study in semester 2, 30 May same year

In addition to the \$5,000 scholarship, the Foundation may, at its discretion and upon recommendation from TDRAC and STDAC, make an additional grant of \$2,000 to be applied by the grant recipient towards research costs.

6.2 UTAS Tasmanian Devil Elite Scholarship

Value	Description		Closing dates
Up to \$30,000 top-up funding over three years	Three scholarships are provided each year by the Tasmanian Devil Research Advisory Committee	Available to a UTAS student as top-up funding to a PhD scholarship (eg to an Australian Postgraduate Award), with an additional TDRAC discretionary contribution towards research costs.	Study in semester 1, 31 October year prior Study in semester 2, 30 May same year

This scholarship may be awarded to Australian Postgraduate Award Level for up to 3½ years or as top up funding of another scholarship with an additional discretionary contribution by the Appeal towards research costs.

7. How to apply

- Applications for the Dr Eric Guiler Tasmanian Devil Research Grant, Tasmanian Devil Management Project Grant and Tasmanian Devil Community Project Grant must be completed using the application form available from 'Grant and Scholarships' at www.tassiedevil.com.au
- Applicants for the Dr Eric Guiler Tasmanian Devil Honours Scholarship and the Tasmanian Devil Elite Research Scholarship must be completed by following the links and applications procedures provided at 'Grant and Scholarships' at www.tassiedevil.com.au
- Applications may be forwarded to the Appeal at any time, but will be considered by the Appeal bi-annually after the closing dates identified above.
- You may email your application or send a hard copy. There is no need to send an additional hard copy once you have received verification that your application has been received via email.
- You will be contacted about your application after consideration by TDRAC, and a decision has been made by the Foundation. Please note that we do not give feedback on applications which are not successful.
- Funded projects will be required to comply with conditions of the grant. These will be contained in a document which the applicant or their organisation will be required to sign before the grant funds will be released.
- Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the grant must be used:
 - only for the project as identified in the application; and

- within the time frame specified in the application.
- Detailed financial records of the acquittal of the grant funds must be kept.
- Reporting obligations will be imposed in relation to the acquittal of the funds and the project outcomes.
- Funded projects are required to publicly acknowledge the Appeal's support on published material or signage.
- The Appeal must approve of any publicity relating to the grant or the project prior to the release of that publicity.
- Grant recipients who do not commence the project within 6 months of receiving grant approval will be required to return funds.

8.0 Conditions

- Must have Animal Ethics approval where appropriate.

9.0 Exclusions

- Proposals to establish captive breeding facilities that are not part of the STDP Insurance Meta-Population; or
- Activities that have a primarily commercial outcome.

For further information

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