**AES Student Research Award**

The AES Student Research Award will be given in recognition of a single, significant research publication in evolutionary biology that forms part of the applicant’s Masters or PhD thesis and has been published in the last 2 years.

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**Eligibility:**

* The applicant must be a Masters or PhD candidate or have had a Masters or PhD conferred at an institution in Australasia (comprising Australia, New Zealand, and New Guinea)
* The applicant must be the first author of the publication
* The publication must have been in or be planned for the applicant’s Masters or PhD thesis
* The publication can present new data, theory, synthesis, or review; however, it must be peer-reviewed and published in a scientific journal
* The publication must be in print from the past two years (1 January 2018) or in press at the time of application

**Selection Criteria:**

* Significance and innovation as a contribution to evolutionary biology
* Quality of science
* Quality of publication (clarity, message, figures)
* Independence, and/or leadership in the research project

**Application process:**

The application consists of two parts:

1. A cover letter (see next page) that includes a) a 300-word description from the applicant of the significance and innovation of the research and the quality of the publication, b) a 300-word statement from the applicant of the author contributions to the project, and c) a 300-word assessment from the applicant’s PhD supervisor of the leadership by the applicant with respect to the publication.
2. A pdf copy of the paper or accepted manuscript.

The applicant should complete their section, then forward it and the pdf to their supervisor for the supervisor to complete and submit.

Please submit the application as a single pdf to ausevolutionsociety@gmail.com by **30 June 2019**. The award will be announced in late July.

**Australasian Evolution Society Student Research Award Application**

Applications include

* this coversheet, including responses to the questions
* a copy of your publication or manuscript.

The completed application must be submitted **by your PhD supervisor** to ausevolutionsociety@gmail.com by **30 June 2019**. Please complete the application information, student statements and add your signature. Then send the cover letter and publication pdf for your supervisor to complete the cover letter and submit on your behalf.

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| **Applicant email:**  | email |
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| **PhD institution:**  | PhD Institution |
| **Publication citation:** | Publication Citation |
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| **Do you anticipate being able to attend the AES conference?**  | **□ YES □ NO** |

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**Applicant statement of significance and innovation.** Describe how your publication has made a significant contribution to your field of evolutionary biology. Describe any innovations. [300 words]

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**Applicant statement on author contributions.** Indicate your role in designing and conducting the research, analysing data, interpreting results and manuscript preparation. Include a statement of the roles of other authors. [300 words]

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**By signing below, the supervisor attests that the submitted publication forms a chapter of the applicant’s Masters or PhD thesis**

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**Supervisor statement.** Please comment on the applicant’s independence, leadership and resourcefulness in completing the research and preparing the manuscript. [300 words]

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