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Thomas Davies Research Grant for Marine, Soil and Plant Biology

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The Thomas Davies Research Grant for Marine, Soil and Plant Biology is funded through a generous philanthropic bequest from the estate of the late Thomas Lewis Davies to the Australian Academy of Science. The fund offers annual science grants of up to \$20,000 each to early-and mid-career researchers in the field of marine, soil and plant biology. Grants are GST exclusive.

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To begin your application, please select the award you are applying for from the 'Categories' drop down list. This will populate the form with the relevant application questions.

Applicants may apply for more than one award, but can only receive one Academy travelling or research award per calendar year. Applicants can only receive funding from the same research or travelling research award once in a three calendar year period.

If you have any questions about the applicatin process, please contact the Awards team at awards@science.org.au or on +61 2 6201 9467.

Project name

Non-technical description of project

150 words

The non-technical description of your project should be directed to a non-scientific audience, and cover the significance of the project and its broader implications. This description may be used by the Academy for publicity purposes, if your application is successful.

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Applicant details

Title

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Adjunct Professor

Air Vice-Marshal

Alderman

Assistant Professor

Associate Professor

Baroness

Councilor

Dame

Dr

Dr Ing

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First Name (optional)

Preferred name (optional)

Last name

Gender

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Man

Woman

Non-binary

I use a different term (please specify)

Prefer not to answer

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

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Yes

No

Residency status

Australian Citizen

Australian Permanent Resident

Non Australian citizen/permanent resident

Organisation name

Position

Date of birth

PhD Status

Has a PhD or equivalent first higher degree eg, D.Phil., D.Psych. or D.Sc.

Is a PhD Student

Does not have a PhD

Email address

Phone number

Postal address

Street

City

Post code

State

Australian Capital Territory

New South Wales

Northern Territory

Queensland

South Australia

Tasmania

Victoria

Western Australia

Other

Country

Please help us by stating where you heard of this award round

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Social Media - Facebook

Social Media - LinkedIn

Social Media - Other

Academy Newsletter

Academy Website

Academy Event

University Newsletter

Research Officer

Word of Mouth

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Upload curriculum vitae



Brief CV including qualifications, summary of professional/research experience and publications/presentations. A full publications list is not required. Maximum of three pages using size 12 font.

Career Disruption

The Australian Academy of Science is committed to ensuring that all eligible researchers can be considered for awards and collects career interruption information to assess their opportunity to demonstrate scientific excellence. Accordingly, extensions to the post research doctorate eligibility requirements for Early and Mid-Career awards will be provided for qualifying career disruptions.

A career disruption involves prolonged interruption to a nominee’s capacity to conduct Full Time Equivalent (FTE) high-level research since the award of their first research doctorate either due to part-time employment or absence (for periods of one month or greater) and/or long-term partial return to work, to accommodate carer’s responsibilities, illness or other interruption. Achievement will be judged relative to opportunity. The approach aims to give more weight to the overall quality and impact of achievements rather than the quantity, rate or breadth of particular achievements, which in many instances is directly related to time and resources available rather than talent, merit or excellence. An assessment of a candidate’s opportunity to demonstrate scientific excellence will take into account the factors below, based on the Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence (ROPE) guidelines of the Australian Research Council (ARC).

- Research training; employment in research positions, either within the research sector or outside academia, including the research component and/or full-time-equivalence of positions; research and development activities; industry engagement; research environment, including supervision, mentoring and leadership; professional development; research management experience, and access to research and support facilities.
- Total number of years of career interruption/s, and an estimate of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) available for scientific pursuits.

An additional 6 months (pro rata) can be applied per year of eligible career disruption to take into account the fact that it can take some time to get back up to speed after a period of extended leave.

The Academy Vice Presidents have oversight of the process. A response to each of these points should be provided, stating also where opportunities have been available to the candidate - examples of this are given below. (word limit: 200)

- Mentoring, research support and funding available to the candidate.
- Career interruptions, including those due to employment outside academia, unemployment, part-time employment, childbirth, parental leave, carers’ responsibilities, misadventure, or illness.
- Total number of years of career interruption/s, and an estimate of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) available for scientific pursuits.

Example responses:

- The nominee has had access to appropriate mentoring and research facilities at their institution to facilitate the conduct of their research and career progression.
- The nominee has been employed part time (0.5 FTE available for scientific pursuits) for all 20 years of their Post PhD career. The candidate’s opportunity to conduct high-level (FTE) research has also been hampered by 1 year 6 month (FTE) carer responsibilities caring for an ill family member between January 2014 and March 2015.
- The candidate took 6 months maternity leave between January 2016 and June 2016.
- 20 years part time post PhD with 2 years full time disruptions result in a total career disruption period calculation of 11 years and estimate of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) available for scientific pursuits at 9 years (FTE) over this 20 year period.

Has your career been interrupted?

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Yes	
No	

Which of the following assessment categories is the best fit for your project proposal?

Marine biology

Plant biology

Soil biology

Project title

Research proposal outline1000 words

A research proposal structured under the following headings; aims and background, significance of the research, methodology, management implications of the project.

Proposed start date

Proposed end date

Do you need to include a reference list (i.e. cited publications) for your project proposal outline?

Yes

No

Do you need to include supporting files (e.g. figures) for your project proposal outline?

Yes

No

Project budget

Budget item	Justification for expense	Total item amount requested
1		
2		
3		

Outline your proposed budget for the funding you are requesting from the Thomas Davies Research Grant for Marine, Soil and Plant Biology award.

Budget context (optional)800 words

Please use this space for any context your budget items require.

Has this project received any other financial support, or have you applied to other bodies for support? If so, name the bodies, amounts requested and amounts granted for the project to date.

Applicants should choose referees based on their standing in the relevant scientific field.

It is preferable that not all referees are from the same institution or have strong collaborative ties with the candidate. It may also be of help to provide the referees with the application documentation for their reference.

The reports attached should be no more than one page in length and indicate the referees' knowledge of the applicant's ability to carry out the project successfully.

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