Marine Conservation Scholarships (Graduate)

Marine Conservation Graduate Scholarships ($2000 each) will be awarded to qualified women (or for the Wayne Hasson Memorial Scholarship, a woman or man) of any age who are enrolled in accredited graduate academic or research programs in the field of marine conservation. For the Wayne Hasson Memorial Scholarship, the applicant should be enrolled in a marine science or marine policy degree-granting graduate program. The scholarships are intended to support independent research and/or fieldwork at an accredited university; they will not support tuition, living expenses or student loan payments. The applicant should clearly state how the intended use of the scholarship will advance marine conservation.

* Required

1. Email *

2. By entering my initials below, I certify that this is the only WDHOF scholarship or grant award that I am applying for, during this competition.*

Applicant Information

3. First Name *
4. Last Name *

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5. Mailing Address - Street *

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6. Mailing Address - City *

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7. Mailing Address - State/Province *

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8. Mailing address - Country *

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9. Mailing address - Postal code *

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10. Phone number (please include country code) *

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11. Date of Birth *

Example: January 7, 2019
12. Age (Yes, we should be able to figure this out from Date of Birth, but sometimes applicants enter the wrong year--seriously.) *

13. My preferred gender pronouns are: *
   We are asking this question to determine your eligibility for "women-only" or "men or women" scholarships.
   *Mark only one oval.*
   - She/her
   - He/his

14. Have you previously applied for a WDHOF Scholarship? *
   *Mark only one oval.*
   - Yes, awarded
   - Yes, not awarded
   - No

Academic Information

15. University *
   Please provide the name of the academic institution where you are currently enrolled.
16. **Degree Program** *

Which degree program are you currently enrolled in?

*Mark only one oval.*

- [ ] Master of Arts
- [ ] Master of Science
- [ ] PhD
- [ ] Other

17. **Degree Field** *

Please provide the field of study you are currently enrolled in, and your thesis/dissertation title, if applicable.

18. **Expected Degree Award Date** *

Month and year

*Example: January 7, 2019*

19. **Academic History** *

List your academic history (date, college/university, degree and area of study).
20. **Other experience**
Describe any other activities or awards that are applicable to this scholarship.


21. **Upload transcripts.** THIS IS IMPORTANT: PLEASE NAME THE FILES USING THIS FORMAT: <YOUR LAST NAME> TRANSCRIPT 1 (for example: POMPONI TRANSCRIPT 1). Failure to use the correct naming format may result in your application being rejected or given a lower score. *

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22. **Are you a certified scuba diver?** *

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes

☐ No
23. Diving Certification *

Please list your diving certifications by year, starting with the most recent. If you are not a diver, enter N/A.

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24. Diving Experience

How many dives have you made? Please briefly describe the type of diving you have done.

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25. Will diving be required for your scholarship project? *

Mark only one oval.

- [ ] Yes, diving will be conducted as a part of my project
- [ ] The data I will use has already been collected during previous diving activities
- [ ] No diving is required to complete my project

Project Information

Describe the project for which you plan to use the scholarship funds. Include background and research hypothesis. Be specific in your project budget; explain each item.
26. Please select the habitat/organism which is most similar to the conservation research you are proposing.  

*Mark only one oval.*  

- Corals/coral reefs  
- Sponges  
- Other invertebrates  
- Fish  
- Sharks, rays  
- Marine mammals  
- Sea turtles (please also see the J. Berman Sea Turtle Conservation grant)  
- Algae/sea grasses/kelp  
- Mangroves  
- Plastics/microplastics  
- Climate change impacts  
- Other

27. Title of Project *

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28. Project Summary (250 words maximum) [Project summary counts for 15% of your application score.] *

Please summarize your project -- consider this like an abstract. And please be mindful of the word count. Exceeding the maximum word count will result in a deduction of points from your overall score.

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29. Project Objective(s) (150 words maximum) [Project objectives count for 15% of your application score.]*  
You may do this as bullet point objectives. Be clear in presenting the goals of your project and/or the hypotheses you are testing. And please be mindful of the word count. Exceeding the maximum word count will result in a deduction of points from your overall score.

30. Project Rationale: how does the proposed project address conservation of marine species or communities? (250 words maximum) [Project rationale counts for 15% of your application score.]  
This is an important component of your application. You need to link your project objectives to the conservation of marine species or communities. And please be mindful of the word count. Exceeding the maximum word count will result in a deduction of points from your overall score.

31. Project Methods: what methods will you use to address the objectives of your research? (750 words maximum) [Project methods count for 10% of your application score.]  
This section should clearly describe HOW your will do your proposed research. You should specify the methods you will use to achieve each objective. And please be mindful of the word count. Exceeding the maximum word count will result in a deduction of points from your overall score.
32. Project Budget: please detail and justify how you will spend the funds. If the project budget exceeds $2000, indicate the source of funds for expenses not covered by this grant. (No limit on word count, but be succinct!) [Project budget counts for 5% of your application score.] *

This section can be a list of the supplies you propose to purchase, or the expenses for field work, or other costs for doing the proposed project. Remember that the grant can not be used for salary, living expenses (except for field work), tuition, basic dive gear, or prior incurred expenses.

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33. Are you receiving any financial support for the research you are proposing? Do you have a scholarship, fellowship, or grant to conduct this research, or is your supervisor providing support for all or part of this research? *

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes  
☐ No

34. If the answer to the previous question is yes, please detail what the funds support, and how your application for this grant will complement or supplement your current support. (250 words maximum)

There is no score associated with this response, however, the reviewers will evaluate financial need as they review applications.

[Blank lines]
35. **Letters of recommendation**

Two letters of recommendation are required. One letter must be from your supervisor, on official letterhead stationery. The second letter should be from someone who is also familiar with the project you are proposing—and also on official letterhead stationery. Please ask your recommenders to email you a copy of their letters of recommendation, on letterhead stationery, if applicable. Letters must be uploaded to the application by you (and not your recommender).

Please upload letters of recommendation below.

**PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE FILE NAMING FORMAT. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR APPLICATION.**

Each letter of recommendation counts for 10% of your application score—for a total of 20%.

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36. **Project Outcomes and Application:** How will you determine if you have achieved your objectives? What is your plan for disseminating or applying the results of your project? (500 words maximum) [Project outcomes count for 20% of your application score.]

This is a very important component of your application. Do you have a plan for how your research results will be used by resource managers, for example? How will you disseminate the results of this project? And please be mindful of the word count. Exceeding the maximum word count will result in a deduction of points from your overall score.

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37. **Recommender 1—should be from your supervisor:** *

Please list name, email address, affiliation, number of years you have known the recommender, and in what capacity you know the recommender (e.g., teacher, dive instructor, employer, co-worker).

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37. **Upload letter from recommender 1.** *

The letter should be on letterhead/official stationery, if applicable. THIS IS IMPORTANT: PLEASE USE THIS FORMAT FOR THE/uploaded file: <YOUR LAST NAME> LOR1 (for example, POMPONI LOR1). Failure to use this format may result in a deduction in your score or rejection of your application.

Files submitted:
38. **Recommender 2:**

Please list name, email address, affiliation, number of years you have known the recommender, and in what capacity you know the recommender (but note that this letter should also be from someone who is familiar with your research and can comment on your ability to conduct and complete the project you proposed).

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39. **Upload letter from recommender 2.**

The letter should be on letterhead/official stationery, if applicable. THIS IS IMPORTANT: PLEASE USE THIS FORMAT FOR THE UPLOADED FILE: `<YOUR LAST NAME> LOR2` (for example, POMPONI LOR2). Failure to use this format may result in a deduction in your score or rejection of your application.

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