

Lizard Island Postdoctoral Fellowships

2025 PROJECT FORM

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APPLICANT NAME

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PROJECT TITLE

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PROJECT OUTLINE

* Set the context for the project and highlight its scientific significance.
* Note that reference list goes in the next section, not here.
* 800 words maximum. Show word count.

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REFERENCE LIST

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TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT LIZARD ISLAND

* Outline the work to be carried out at Lizard Island.
* Note specifically the extent of any aquarium requirements and whether access to reefs other than the Lizard Island Group is required.
* If you need to conduct the fieldwork at a particular time of year, include that information here.
* Provide enough information about methodology at Lizard Island and elsewhere to allow assessment of the project’s feasibility as required for Project selection criterion 3
* 300 words maximum. Show word count.

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PROJECT LOCATION

* Explain why you want to conduct this research at LIRS rather than somewhere else (200 words maximum).

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FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

* Address Personal selection criterion 4 by providing brief details of your field research experience relevant to this project, including diving and boating experience. (100 words maximum)
* If your project requires access to locations away from the Lizard Island group, indicate how you will find a suitable, highly experienced boat driver to join your team. (Additional 100 words maximum)

*Note: You do not need to answer this section if you have worked at Lizard Island Research Station within the past five years and do not need to work away from the Lizard Island Group.*

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BUDGET

Support is being sought for:

One year (April 2025 to March 2026) or

Two years (April 2025 to March 2027)

In the table below:

* List all expenditure needed to complete field and laboratory work for the project (excluding salaries, food and major items of equipment which must be funded from elsewhere). Allocate expenditure to either the Fellowship or another source.
* For Bench Fees, show the number of nights for each person. Use indicative rates of $166 per night for the researcher, $149 per night for each assistant, and $64 per night for any PhD students who will be part of the team and working on a closely related project for their own thesis.
* For travel between Cairns and Lizard Island, use the indicative rate of $1,100 for a return airfare in 2025 and $1,200 in 2026.
* Necessary items of research equipment are assumed to be available to you through your employer. For consumables, list things that you would need to purchase specifically for this project.
* For incidentals, use an indicative rate of $450 per trip to cover “normal” freight charges between Cairns and Lizard Island (including barge freight for food for 3 people for 2-3 weeks and 3 Nally bins or dive bags) plus reasonable internet usage. Use additional rows to specify any other incidentals.
* The fellowship budget total must not exceed the maximum of $20,900 including GST for each year. Projects that do not require scuba diving should limit their request to $17,600 including GST.

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| **ITEM** | **DETAILS for the first year** | **AMOUNT (incl. GST)** | |
| **Fellowship** | **Other source** |
| 1. Bench fees  - Researcher |  |  |  |
| - Assistant 1 |  |  |  |
| - Any other assistants |  |  |  |
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| 2. Travel  - International |  |  |  |
| - Domestic |  |  |  |
| - Cairns/Lizard Is/Cairns |  |  |  |
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| 3. Research consumables |  |  |  |
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| 4. Incidentals at LIRS  - Freight, internet, etc. |  |  |  |
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| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |

If a second year of funding is sought, COPY the table above, change the header of column 2 to refer to the second year, and complete it for the second year.

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

* Justify the duration of the trip(s) and the number of people required.
* Justify consumables and incidentals expenditure if more than $500 for either or both is needed.

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OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

* For each item attributed to “other source” in the budget, indicate the source and whether that funding is already secure. If it is not secure, indicate when you will know the outcome.
* If your project relies upon a piece of equipment that is not already available to you, indicate how you intend to obtain access to it.

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LEVERAGE

* Address Project selection criterion 6 by outlining any ways in which fellowship funding will provide scientific benefits in addition to the funded research outcomes (100 words maximum).

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**Closing date is 18 October 2024**

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