
DES SPITTALL SCHOLARSHIP for KEEPER DEVELOPMENT
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The **Australasian Society of Zookeeping** operates and manages the annual ‘Des Spittall Scholarship for Keeper Development’, which is available to any **ASZK member who has been a financial member for two years or more**. The annual scholarship is named in honour of the late Des Spittall, a life member of ASZK. It is to the value of \$AUD2,500 and has been established to support the professional development of zoo keepers in the Australasian region. This scholarship is generously sponsored by Safe4.

Scholarship applications can be sought for the following (but not exclusive) types of activities;

- Research projects
- Undertaking volunteer work on local conservation projects
- Working on community change or capacity building projects
- Undertaking study either in Australia or overseas (overseas study will only be supported if nothing comparable is available in Australia or New Zealand)
- Attending a conference or workshop
- Study tour of zoos or institutions

Prospective applicants are invited to submit a written proposal for their intended proposition, outlining in as much detail as possible the aim, purpose and the anticipated outcomes of the activity. This includes how the activity may support development of colleagues. Feel free to add attachments in

All applications are then evaluated by the ASZK Grant Selection Committee within a fortnight of the closing date with applicants informed shortly after.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a report at the end of their project term detailing outcomes and expenditure records. An article for *Thylacinus*, or a presentation to the ASZK or ICZ annual conference on the project is also encouraged. The activity must be completed by the end of 2026.



DES SPITTALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM



Name of applicant:

Address:

Contact details:

- Phone:
- Mobile:
- E-mail:

Institution employed:

Activity name proposed to be undertaken:

Aims and objectives of the proposed activities:

Detailed outline of the proposed activity:

How is it proposed to disseminate knowledge gained after undertaking the activity:

Is the project affiliated to a zoological institution, and if so does it have the support of that institution:

Funding amount sought:



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Is the activity to be co-funded? If so where is the rest of the funding being sourced from?

Budget summary:

Proposed commencement date:

Proposed completion date:

What is the potential for a publication as the result of undertaking this activity? ie husbandry guidelines, training tool, presentation at a conference, video for training etc:

**If the project or activity involves taking leave from your institution, please supply a supporting letter from your manager or supervisor consenting to the leave being taken.

Please forward 'Des Spittall Scholarship for Keeper Research' application to ASZK Executive Officer no later than 30 November 2024 at email eo@aszk.org.au or phone Liz at 0419 791 254 for more information.