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Field Naturalists Society of South Australia Inc. *Lirabenda Endowment Fund* **2025 Grants**

Since its foundation in 1883 as the Field Naturalists Section of the Royal Society of South Australia and later as an autonomous organization, the FNSSA has had amongst its aims the promotion of the study, and diffusion of knowledge relating to the natural sciences. It promotes the conservation of natural features and habitat and the preservation of the native flora and fauna of Australia and, in particular, in South Australia.

Over time the FNSSA became the owner of several nature reserves. The Lirabenda Endowment Fund was established by the Field Naturalists Society of South Australia Inc. (FNSSA) in 2005 with the proceeds of the sale of one of these properties, the *Lirabenda Reserve*, near Mylor. One of the aims of the Fund is to encourage and promote research into the biota and natural environment of South Australia and we are pleased to be able to offer research grants to further this aim.

Our Society welcomes applications from any person(s) engaged in research which fits the criteria for selection. That includes applications from students in research institutions for supervised projects at the Honours, Masters degree and PhD levels, applications from researchers for projects conducted at South Australian Universities, Research Institutes, community organisations, and applications from independent researchers, who are seeking small project grants, and can provide appropriate referees.

The 2025 LEF Guidelines and Application Forms are now available on our website. As FNSSA is a voluntary organization and has limited ability to respond to email requests for guidelines and application forms, these will always be available on the Society's website, www.fnssa.org.au However, as well as receiving applications, FNSSA would very much appreciate your assistance in disseminating this information more widely to researchers at your institution and other organisations and to individuals who may be interested in applying for Grants.

The 2025 LEF Grants

Applications Open: Monday 9th December 2024

Applications Close: Friday 14th February 2025

To Submit Application:

Email a Signed application form in Word version & in a PDF version, with subject: '*LEF Grant Application 2025*' & your name, to both

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