

## About Bayer Australia Ltd

Bayer is an international, research-based group with major businesses in healthcare, crop science and high-tech materials. Employing more than 108,400 people worldwide, and almost 840 in Australia/New Zealand, the Bayer Group has a portfolio of more than 5000 products and operations in nearly every country. Worldwide operations are managed from group headquarters in Leverkusen, Germany.

In Australia, Bayer aims to make a positive contribution to the community, not only by providing innovative solutions, but also through our educational partnerships and our environmental initiatives. For example, Bayer supports CarbonKids, an educational program developed by the CSIRO which involves students in hands-on projects that combine the latest climate science with sustainability education. Through this program school communities are learning to understand climate change and take positive steps to foster environmental sustainability.

## About the Australian Geographic Society

The Australian Geographic Society (AGS) was established by Dick Smith in March 1988 and he described it as, "a group of people sharing similar fundamental aims and contributing funds and support for projects and activities."

These were defined as:

- > funding scientific research
- > conserving the environment
- > recognising and encouraging the spirit of discovery and adventure
- > spreading knowledge of Australia to Australians and to the world

The AG Society has a group of trustees that act as advisers and representatives of the AG Society, selected because of their enthusiasm and expertise in their particular field of endeavour.

## Adventurer and Environmentalist Grants

Each calendar year the AG Society donates approximately \$150,000 to maintain its program of sponsorship of Australian adventurers, scientific and environmental research, and community projects. Over the years it has spent more than \$8 million supporting Australian endeavour in all these fields. Australian scientists, community organisations and individuals developing projects across the country and abroad are welcome to apply for AG Society sponsorship.



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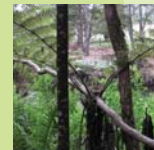
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Science For A Better Life



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## What is BAYERboost?

BAYERboost is an environmental-scholarship scheme aimed at giving senior secondary school and undergraduate tertiary students experience in environmental research or restoration during their summer holidays.

BAYERboost scholarships are funded by innovative research company Bayer Australia, and administered by the Australian Geographic Society.

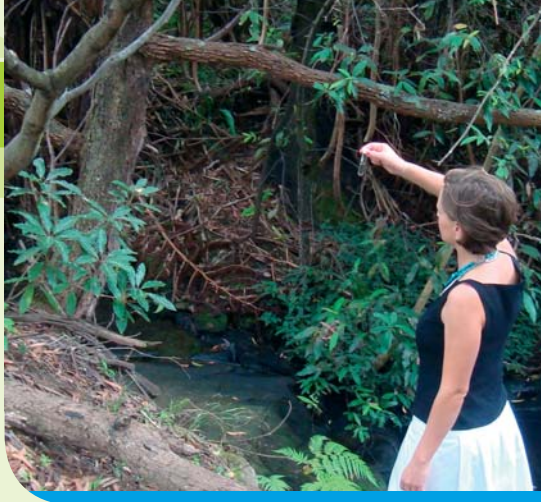
## Objectives of the scheme:

- > to encourage and promote research in, about and for the environment
- > to provide students with the opportunity to broaden their experience in research or action for the environment
- > to enable students to gain experience in working with an accredited organisation involved in environmental research or restoration

### Each scholarship will be worth:

- > \$6000 for a tertiary student who will be required to work for 12 weeks
- > \$5000 for a Year 12 student who will be required to work for 10 weeks
- > \$3000 for a Year 11 or Year 12 student who will be required to work for six weeks

Applications for the scholarship will be judged by a selection panel, on the basis of the student's calibre and the quality of the project proposal submitted.



## How to apply

Visit [www.BAYERboost.com.au](http://www.BAYERboost.com.au) and download an application form.

Ask your teacher, lecturer or academic supervisor to support you in your application.

Identify a project and host organisation. Examples of projects might include:

- > environmental research
- > field conservation
- > ecosystem restoration or enhancement

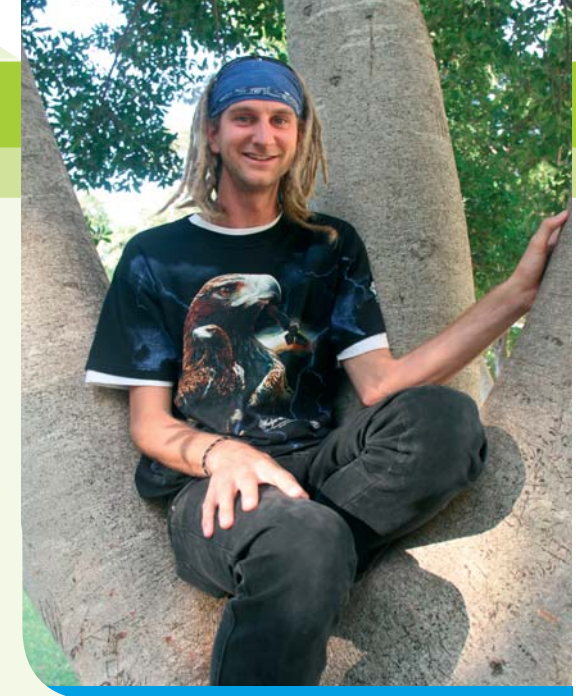
A list of organisations that have expressed an interest in hosting student projects are available on the BAYERboost website, but there is nothing to stop you coming up with a new idea for a project and finding your own host organisation.

Details of closing date and exactly what documents need to be submitted with your application form can be found on the BAYERboost website: [www.BAYERboost.com.au](http://www.BAYERboost.com.au).

If you have any questions about the application process, please email: [BAYERboost@ausgeo.com.au](mailto:BAYERboost@ausgeo.com.au).

## Closing date

Please refer to the website [www.BAYERboost.com.au](http://www.BAYERboost.com.au).



*"Learning about the natural environment is not only rewarding it's one of the most important things we can do. The land connects us all – past and present – and I believe an interest in your natural surroundings gives you a better understanding and appreciation of your place on this planet."*

Simon Cherriman, BAYERboost ambassador and AG Society Young Conservationist of the Year 2010

*"BAYERBoost made it possible for me to undertake 12 weeks work experience as a member of the Manly Council team. The benefits of the work were broad, including the enjoyment of working in a role I one day aspire to hold, and providing enrichment and direction to my studies and future career."*

Stella Fielding, 2010 BAYERboost recipient

*"I think that my work and the experience that I have gained during my BAYERboost scholarship will really give me an edge as I go on to study further at uni. I would certainly recommend it to any student who is looking to have a career in any area of environmental work, be it science, policy, restoration, management or anything else!"*

Stefan Buchler, 2010 BAYERboost recipient