

Tasmanian Devil Grants



APPLICATION FORM | 2024

Grants are available to support research and management programs that meet the key priority areas of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program (www.tassiedevil.com.au)

This application is for the (check box):

- Dr Eric Guiler Tasmanian Devil Research Grant
- Dr Eric Guiler Tasmanian Devil Research Grant – HDR
- Dr Eric Guiler ACL Bearing Tasmanian Devil Early-career Research Grant

Scholarships are also available under a separate application process:

- Dr Eric Guiler Tasmanian Devil Honours Scholarship: Applications for honours projects should be submitted on the UTAS Tasmania Honours Scholarships Application form available at: www.scholarships.utas.edu.au

Guidelines for applicants

Applications are considered by the Tasmanian Devil Research Advisory Committee in one round each year:

Closing date: **COB Monday 18 November 2024.**

Applications to be submitted to

University of Tasmania Advancement Office
Private Bag 40 Hobart TAS 7001
Email: devil.appeal@utas.edu.au

All grants will be publically announced at the time of award by the University of Tasmania.

Grants can be spread over a two-year period. Recipients will be required to submit a 1 year progress report and a final report at the completion of the Grant.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name of Lead Investigator (note, you can only lead one application)

Position and affiliation

Email:

Phone

Lead Investigator Signature

Date

Signed Supervisor (for HDR applicants):

Date

Name of co-investigator(s):
(Provide attached list if more than one)

Position and affiliation:

Email

Phone

PROJECT DETAILS

Scientific Project Title.

Brief Project Summary.

In no more than 50 words suitable for announcement to the general public.

Executive Summary.

In no more than 200 words summarise the background, aims, approach and intended impact of the research against the Program priority areas):

Budget.

Attach, in table form, a summary of the budget items and total project request.

Related work.

Please identify any similar work to this project that you are undertaking and/or is being carried out by other groups/institutions. Where similar work is being carried out, you should identify how the proposed project is deserving of independent funding (maximum 200 words).

Alignment with the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program priorities.

Applications for all grants must be aligned with the current key Program priority areas. The Program's vision is a resilient wild devil population that needs limited management intervention. A Program objective is to support research collaborations that are actively investigating potential management strategies to create a resilient wild devil population. The STDP and the University of Tasmania have agreed on the following research priorities:

(check appropriate box)

- Identify and develop a prophylactic *therapy such as a vaccine or immunotherapy for devil facial tumour diseases.*
- Quantify the impact of anthropogenic induced threats on the population viability of devils and identify effective methods to mitigate them*
- Identify factors, including new disease outbreaks and habitat continuity, which limit genetic and demographic connectivity across the island of Tasmania.*
- Determine the distribution and impact of DFT2*

- Determine if releasing insurance devils into the wild is beneficial, neutral or detrimental to wild devil population dynamics, DFTD epidemiology and evolution of natural disease resistance.*

Provide details of how your project aligns with, and will make an impact against, one of more the above research priorities (maximum of 200 words):

Alignment with the University of Tasmania.

As an initiative coordinated by the University, all grant projects must have a link with the fulfilment of the Universities missions and goals. In a practical sense, this means that the University must be involved to some degree in the project or that some demonstrable and tangible benefit must flow back to University from the making of a grant. It is essential that the relationship with the mission and goals of the University is addressed explicitly in the application.

Provide details of Alignment to the University of Tasmania's missions and goals (maximum of 200 words):

Aims, Expected Outcomes and Impact.

In no more than 1 page list the specific Aims, and Hypothesis (if relevant), Intended Outcomes and how the research will progress its field and the Program's vision of a resilient wild devil population that needs limited management intervention:

Project Background and Research Plan. In no more than 2 pages provide a background of the project and how the aims will be achieved.

Budget Justification:

Please provide a brief justification for each item summarised in the budget table above. For salary components you should explain why the particular grade/level of an appointee is necessary. Indicate if you have received, or have applied for, funding for this project from other sources.

(Maximum 1 page)

Applicants CVs

Please attach a 2 page CV for each applicant including evidence of related grants, research contributions (e.g., papers, presentations, discoveries, impact) over last 5 years (2016-2021).

Annex 1

Assessment Criteria

- A. Alignment with the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program priorities (30%)
- B. Potential impact and contribution to an outcome aligned with the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program (NRE) priorities (30%)
- C. Approach/Feasibility including novelty/originality and innovation of the proposed research (including any new methods, clarity of the hypothesis, theories and research questions; technologies, theories or ideas that will be developed); cohesiveness of the project design and implementation plan, including the appropriateness of the aim, conceptual framework, method, data and/or analyses and cost-effectiveness of the research and its value for money (20%)
- D. Track record and team capacity to deliver on outcomes (taking into account composition of team, equity, diversity and potential to build capacity)(20%) or in HDR scheme record relative to opportunity as per CV (20%)