



## BHP Ningaloo Outlook Marine Research Partnership PhD Scholarship

### Background

CSIRO and BHP have entered into the Ningaloo Outlook Phase 2 Marine Research Partnership to carry out a program of research relating to the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo coast.

An objective of this research partnership is to allow for the training of future scientists, providing them with a range of skills and opportunities not always afforded by a conventional scholarship scheme. Accordingly, BHP has agreed to fund PhD scholarships for research into the flora and fauna of the Ningaloo Marine Park.

A scholarship for a PhD at Murdoch University is now open to applications from PhD candidates interested in research towards improving estimates of sea turtle abundance. A Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship or equivalent at Murdoch University is essential (<https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/research-students/fees-scholarships/scholarships/research-training-program-stipend-scholarships>).

The successful applicant will receive a top-up scholarship of \$22,000 p.a. for up to three and a half years, in addition to the RTP funding.

The PhD scholar will be co-supervised by CSIRO and Murdoch University researchers, and will work with CSIRO research teams as part of the Ningaloo Outlook project (<https://research.csiro.au/ningaloo/outlook/>).

### Application process

Applicants for the top-up scholarship should send a covering letter and CV to Dr Mat Vanderklift by **11 June 2021**. A RTP scholarship at Murdoch University is a prerequisite for receiving the top-up scholarship, so applicants should first ensure that they apply for a RTP scholarship. These are currently available only to domestic applicants. The closing date is **31 May 2021** and forms are available at: <https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/research-students/fees-scholarships/scholarships/research-training-program-stipend-scholarships>.

### More Details

Further details about Ningaloo Outlook can be obtained from Jo Myers ([jo.myers@csiro.au](mailto:jo.myers@csiro.au)). Further details about the PhD research topic can be directed to Mat Vanderklift ([mat.vanderklift@csiro.au](mailto:mat.vanderklift@csiro.au)) or Amanda Hodgson ([a.hodgson@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:a.hodgson@murdoch.edu.au)).