

# UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

## APA Scholarship

### SCHOOL OF ANIMAL STUDIES

The School of Animal Studies is one of Australia's leading schools in animal research ([www.animal.uq.edu.au](http://www.animal.uq.edu.au)). Research in wildlife management is a significant research area with separate interests in conservation and reproductive biology, game and vertebrate pest management and human-wildlife interactions. The primary research disciplines active across these areas are ecology, health and welfare, nutrition, and reproductive physiology. Students living in Gatton enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle, easy access to Brisbane and coastal areas, affordable accommodation, and convenient public transport.

#### **The role**

Despite being both a valuable asset and a declared pest little is known about the ecology of wild red deer in Queensland. A three year collaborative project between The University of Queensland, local and state government departments and non-government organisations begins in July 2009 to address this knowledge gap. The candidates will play a key role in undertaking the required field research on wild deer ecology in Queensland. This research will assist the Queensland government manage deer on a state wide basis. Two PhD projects will be undertaken on properties in south east Queensland. These properties include the catchments associated with Cressbrook and Perseverance Dams where there are existing populations of red deer at different densities. The successful candidates may focus on a number of areas within the project including:

- Comparison of survey methods to quantify the density of wild deer
- Home range and dispersal of wild deer at different densities
- The relationship between density of wild deer and their impact on different types of vegetation

#### **The person**

Applicants should have a research interest in wildlife management and conservation and should possess a Bachelor's degree with 1st class honours. You must also be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

#### **Remuneration**

The stipend will be at the APA rate of \$20,427 per annum (tax exempt, 2009 rate indexed annually) with a further annual \$6,000 top up.

#### **Contact**

Obtain the position description and selection criteria [online](#). General enquiries regarding the scholarship can be directed to Neal Finch on 0429 871 409 or email [n.finch@uq.edu.au](mailto:n.finch@uq.edu.au).

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