

# LINNEAN SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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## LINNEAN MACLEAY FELLOWSHIPS

The Linnean Society of New South Wales appointed its first Linnean Macleay Fellow in 1905. Since then, award of the Fellowship has enabled well over fifty talented graduates to undertake significant research in the sciences of 'Natural History - Biological and Geological'. Linnean Macleay Fellowships are funded from a bequest of the Society's first President, Sir William Macleay, whose intention it was that the Fellowships

*"encourage and advance research in Natural Science by enabling those who wish to continue their studies at the University or elsewhere after having completed the regular curriculum and taken a Science degree to do so."*

The Fellowships are offered by the Society in terms of directions set by the donor and the Equity Court of New South Wales. Award of a Fellowship is determined by the Council of the Linnean Society of New South Wales, acting in accordance with those directions and with Article 6 of the Society's Act of Incorporation.

### REGULATIONS

(Revised by Council – April 19, 2006)

1. Every candidate for a Linnean Macleay Fellowship must be a member of the Linnean Society of New South Wales, must reside in New South Wales, and must have taken a degree in Science or Agricultural Science at the University of Sydney.
2. The Fellowships may be held for research in any of the following branches of Science:

General Biology, including Ecology	
Animal or Plant Physiology	Physical Geography
Biochemistry	Geology
Botany	Paleontology
Comparative Anatomy and	Physical Anthropology
Embryology	Zoology

A candidate for appointment to a Fellowship shall make application in writing indicating clearly the field and nature of the research proposed to be undertaken as a Fellow. An applicant must also provide:

Satisfactory evidence of qualification to undertake the proposed research; in general, such evidence should include some published work of the applicant, or work in a form suitable for publication;

3. A Fellow, on appointment, shall be required to sign an undertaking as follows:

I ..... acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Regulations governing the Linnean Macleay Fellowships, drawn up by the Council in accordance with the terms of Sir William Macleay's

will, and I hereby agree to accept appointment on the terms of those Regulations and to observe them during my tenure of the Fellowship, which dates from .....

4. The Fellowship is tenable for one year only; but a Fellow will be eligible for reappointment from year to year, to a maximum of five years, provided that the Council is satisfied with the quantity and quality of the Fellow's work. The emolument of a Fellow shall be at the rate of not less than eight hundred dollars (\$800) nor more than three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3200) per annum, payable in quarterly instalments. In the case of resignation or other withdrawal from a Fellowship, payment will be made for the time during which the Fellowship shall have been actually held.

5. No Fellow shall be permitted to occupy any salaried position or undertake any employment for payment during his or her Fellowship, nor shall the Fellow, without the special sanction of the Council, take fees for teaching any pupil either publicly or privately. (In view of legal opinion that the Linnean Macleay Fellowship is itself not a salaried position, and a Fellow not strictly an employee, the Council has regarded this Regulation as not prohibiting the Fellowship being held in conjunction with an award of like character, such as an Australian Postgraduate Research Award, provided such joint tenure in no way interferes with observance of the requirements of the Fellowship.)

6. Any holder of a Linnean Macleay Fellowship who shall endeavour to anticipate income from the Fellowship, otherwise than by direct application to the Council, or with its concurrence, or who shall during tenure of the Fellowship commit any act of bankruptcy, shall be liable to immediate dismissal from the Fellowship without any notice whatever.

7. A Fellow shall be required to devote his or her time to the research specified in the letter of application for the Fellowship, and shall be required to furnish a yearly report to Council prior to the AGM, of progress in the investigation, to be tabled to the Council. (As a rule, the Fellow will first submit such reports to an *ad hoc* Fellowship Advisory Committee - a group appointed by the Council to take an expert interest in the Fellow's work but not to direct it - which, in turn, may provide the Council with comment supplementary to the Fellow's report.) A Fellow's research may be conducted in one of the laboratories of the University of Sydney, or elsewhere, subject to the approval of the Council. It shall be the Fellow's responsibility to secure admission to the facilities of a host institution, and to observe its rules.

8. A Fellow shall acknowledge said grant in any relevant publications.

9. The Society does not undertake to furnish any Fellow with working accommodation, material or apparatus.

10. Should any dispute arise between a Fellow or candidate for Fellowship and the Council of the Linnean Society of New South Wales on the subject of appointment to or tenure of the Fellowship, or employment thereunder, the decision of the Council shall be final and conclusive, without appeal.