



## Fungimap Research Grant Guide

[Fungimap](#) is Australia's national not-for-profit, citizen-science organisation dedicated to furthering the conservation and knowledge of Australian fungi. We aim to promote the mapping, understanding, and conservation of Australia's macrofungi. We are delighted to invite citizen scientists, and researchers building citizen science capacity, to apply for one of our inaugural Fungimap Research Grants in partnership with the [Australian Mycological Society \(AMS\)](#). The **purpose of the Fungimap Research Grants is to enable and promote citizen science research that improves knowledge for conservation of Australia's macrofungi.**

This Grant Guide provides information for applicants on the criteria used by Fungimap to assess applications for grant funding.

Grants are available for citizen science projects commencing in 2022, with **up to \$3000** total funds expected to be distributed across two grant programs: Spore Grant (up to \$1500) and Strategic Research Grant (up to \$2000). Applications must be either for a Spore Grant or a Strategic Research Grant – the same project cannot be submitted to both programs - addressing the following criteria.

1. **Spore Grant** - spawning new, innovative citizen science research. Grants can be a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum of \$1500.
2. **Strategic Research Grant** - citizen science research that will have a positive, evidence-based impact on one or more of Fungimap's research priorities furthering understanding on: (1) target species in [Fungi Down Under](#); (2) species yet to be *formally described*; and/or (3) species which have been formally assessed for the [UCN Fungal Red List](#) or need to be assessed. Grants can be a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum of \$2000.

## ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant(s) must be a current financial member of Fungimap (join [here](#)) or AMS
1. Applicant(s) must be a citizen scientist or be building the capacity of citizen science for macrofungi in Australia. Researchers applying as an employee or student of an organisation or institution are encouraged to apply for the [AMS Research Grant](#).
2. The project must be carried out within Australia in 2022 (or a longer project can be negotiated)
3. The project must use or contribute to *Atlas of Living Australia* data.
4. The project must focus on native macrofungi in Australia (which may include contributing to a better understanding of the effect of non-native fungi on native macrofungi).

## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA BASED ON CITIZEN SCIENCE PRINCIPLES

All applications will be ranked by the degree to which they meet each of the following criteria.

1. Addresses one or more **Fungimap Aims**: (1) record and map fungi in Australia; (2) contribute to understanding and spreading the word about the essential role of fungi in biodiversity; and (3) foster and advocate for fungal conservation.
2. Addresses **focus** of grant program (Spore or Strategic).
3. **Solid science** with clear research aim and approach that is achievable in one year time frame (standalone project or clear, achievable component within a broader project).
4. Builds citizen science **capacity**.
5. Demonstrates **value for money** by documenting cash and/or in-kind contributions of citizen scientists and other supporting organisations.

## ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

1. The grant may be used for expenses or time directly related to research activities. Requests for contributions to large capital items or conference travel will not be considered, nor will applications relating to training opportunities.
2. Fungimap and AMS committee members are not eligible to apply.
3. Fungimap reserves the right not to award a grant if there are no suitable applications.
4. Successful applicants are required to present the outcomes of their research either through an informal report (such as a blog post on the Fungimap website), a webinar to Fungimap members, or another negotiated publication method where the Fungimap community is able to access the research.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

We encourage potential applicants to discuss their draft application with one of our Fungimap Grant Advisors:

- Dr Michael Priest - Fungimap committee member and former NSW Plant Pathology & Mycology Herbarium Curator - [michael.priest53@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.priest53@bigpond.com)
- Sophie Green - Fungimap Coordinator - [fungimapcoord@gmail.com](mailto:fungimapcoord@gmail.com)

Advisors can provide independent advice to help you target the assessment criteria as they will not be involved in the assessment process.

In your application, please include and address the following headings (maximum 4 pages): Applicant Name(s) and affiliations; Project Title; Rationale (why project is needed and important); Research aim and objectives/questions; Methods including permit(s) required, how data will be made available to Atlas of Living Australia (e.g. iNaturalist Fungimap project, BioCollect or state government depository); Expected outcomes; Share Plan (how you will share your research journey and findings in digital/print media and/or networks); Timeline, Relevant Experience of applicant(s); and a Budget with cash, in-kind and grant amounts clearly stated, including justification for each item of expenditure. Only an estimate is needed for in-kind contributions, and please estimate volunteer contributions @ \$45.10 per hour.

The application must be signed by the primary applicant (person undertaking the research) or supervisor, and a second person if applying on behalf of an organisation.

Please email the PDF application (single file) to Fungimap Coordinator Sophie Green at [fungimap@gmail.com](mailto:fungimap@gmail.com) by 14th April 2022 5pm AEDT. Enquiries to [fungimap@gmail.com](mailto:fungimap@gmail.com).

## IMPORTANT DATES

Grants Open	Tuesday 1st March
Applications Due	Thursday 14th April 5.00pm AEDT
Successful applicants advised	Late April 2022
Funds available from	1 May 2022.

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