



## **Fact Sheet: Green Our Rooftop Collaborative Research Grants & Postgraduate Scholarships**

In coordination with the construction and operation of a demonstration green roof in Melbourne, the City of Melbourne, the Victorian Government and Melbourne Water are dedicated to supporting high quality, peer-reviewed research projects that develop the science, technology and policy of green roofs. The City of Melbourne and the Victorian Government will contribute \$300,000 and Melbourne Water will contribute \$100,000 (through the Living Rivers Program) to fund a breadth of research grants (\$340,000 allocated) and postgraduate scholarships (\$60,000 allocated) that investigate the impact and relationship of climate change and energy, biodiversity, urban water cycles, and liveability and wellbeing, and green roofs in Melbourne and Victoria.

The grants will be open to universities, government research entities, non-government or community research organisations and private research companies and consultancies. The postgraduate scholarships will be open to Masters and Honours students and as top-ups for postdoctoral and PhD students who are in receipt of a university-administered scholarship.

This research will be utilized to help develop local and State policy, and inform and advance the establishment and management of green roofs in Melbourne and south-eastern Australia more broadly. Research will be made available through City of Melbourne's Open Data Platform and potentially the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas in order to ensure access to other councils and governments, private industry, researchers and students and interested members of the public.

The Green Our Rooftop Demonstration Green Roof Research Grants will open on 1 July 2019 and close at noon on 12 August 2019, with successful applicants being notified in late September 2019. The research grants have been designed to coincide with the construction and first few years of the green roof at 1 Treasury Place in Melbourne.

Please visit <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/greening-the-city/green-infrastructure/Pages/green-our-rooftop-project.aspx> for more information, as well as a link to the Green Our Rooftop Demonstration Green Roof Research Grants Guidelines and the application form.