

CENTRE FOR MARINE SCIENCE GOODMAN FOUNDATION

RESEARCH GRANTS 2026

Supporting research that strengthens the future of Quandamooka Country (Moreton Bay)

\$20,000 funding available - proposals from \$2000 to \$10,000

We are pleased to announce that the 2026/7 Goodman Foundation Research Grants are now open for UQ early to mid-career researchers (including HDR students) to submit project proposals. Applications for funding proposals from \$2,000 to \$10,000 will be accepted.

The Goodman Foundation provides philanthropic support for research of relevance to Quandamooka Country (Moreton Bay).

These grants support research that:

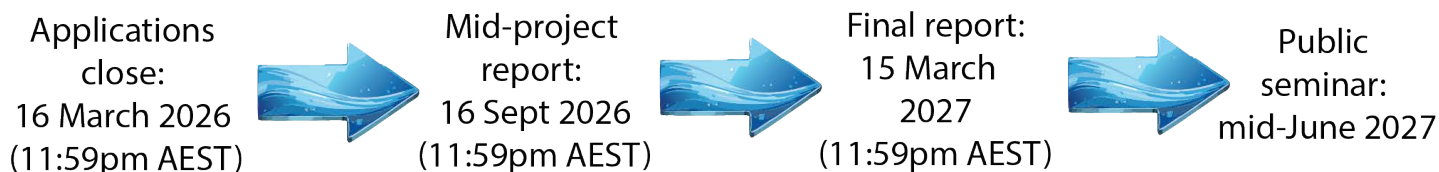
- Enhances understanding of Quandamooka Country (Moreton Bay)
- Sustains environmental and cultural heritage
- Builds student research capacity
- Engages community beyond academia

Submissions are open to all disciplines and we welcome interdisciplinary collaborations across UQ. Applications should outline how the project will support student skills development. Projects must be completed by mid-2027 and include a community outreach or public education component.

We particularly encourage proposals that align with community and research priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and organisations connected with Quandamooka Country (Moreton Bay). Proposals that are co-designed or co-led with Traditional Owners and/or have obtained Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) will be considered favourably.

For further information see supporting documents below and/or contact Assoc. Prof. Karen Cheney (k.cheney@uq.edu.au) or Dr Ben Mos: (b.mos@uq.edu.au)

Key Dates:



Complete your application, addressing a non-specialist audience, submit by **11:59pm AEST, Monday 16 March 2026.**

Applications and any questions to Dr Hannah Summers at the Centre for Marine Science marine@uq.edu.au

The Goodman Foundation

Quandamooka Country (Moreton Bay)

Research Grant Application

Please keep your application to no more than three pages. Where appropriate provide figures, tables, and images within the three pages.

Applications from group leaders must include a substantial HDR or undergraduate research component. Applications will be collated and forwarded to the Goodman Foundation.

1. Team: Names, status, and school/institute affiliations

HDR students must have at least one of their supervisors as a co-applicant.

2. Project title

3. Three-line project summary

4. Background, aims and expected outcomes

Background to the problem, the aims/hypotheses, and expected outcomes.

5. Methodology and timeline

Proposed approach to deliver outcomes, including student(s) research component and schedule.

6. Outcomes

Who will benefit and in what way(s) will they benefit? Include research skills development of student(s) involved.

7. Engagement plan

Describe how the project has been informed by, or responds to, the priorities of Traditional Owners and/or local and broader community stakeholders. Outline how outcomes (results, products and/or tools) will be shared in accessible and culturally appropriate ways. Examples may include community workshops, co-developed resources, briefings for local or state government, articles for local media, or public seminars.

8. Budget

Table and explanatory notes, including total project value with any other cash or in-kind commitments. Funds will not be awarded to cover salaries or stipends.

9. Expertise and contacts

Brief description of team expertise and contact information (no more than one page).

Supporting Documents

QYAC Strategic Plan 2022–2026

https://qyac.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/QYAC_Strategic_Plan_2022-2026.pdf

Quandamooka Country: The role of science and knowledge in Traditional Owner-led land and sea management <https://moretonbayfoundation.org/articles/quandamooka-country-the-history-and-implications-of-the-native-title-determination-for-stakeholders-of-moreton-bay/>