

**Project title:** Southeast Queensland off-reserve conservation priorities

**Name of Organisation:** Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

**Project description:** The student would be expected to negotiate a Nature Refuge with a landholder on private property. This would involve a diverse range of activities including field surveys, evaluation of conservation values, report preparation, negotiation of management conditions and preparation of a conservation agreement.

The student would also be expected to provide assistance with:

- Participation in Flinders to Greenbank/Karawatha Conservation Partnership - special project to be devised looking at viability of the corridor (will involve both desktop and field studies);
- Participation in fauna and flora surveys;
- Assisting with entry of fauna and flora survey data into Wildnet; and
- Nature Refuge stewardship program ie. visiting nature refuges to provide project support, advice on vegetation management, assisting landholders in project implementation and monitoring.

**Skills wanted:**

A person with a keen interest in nature conservation, with:

- Proficient use of Word software
- GIS skills desirable but not essential
- Knowledge of plant communities
- Knowledge of vegetation management
- Technical Report writing

**Expected skill development**

- Ecomap/GIS skills
- Comprehensive assessment and evaluation of natural areas
- Management of threatened regional ecosystems and species
- Negotiation/communications skills with landholders and government agencies
- Wildnet database and record keeping
- Report preparation
- Comprehensive knowledge of conservation agreements
- Basic GPS skills

The position will entail some fieldwork.

This program will provide excellent skills and insight into biodiversity conservation priorities within Southeast Queensland, desktop and field conservation assessment tools, and onground conservation management issues.

**Location.** QPWS office, Moggill.

**Assistance available** (incl. financial) – use of computer, vehicle and equipment.

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