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Environmental Legacy Foundation (ELF) Sustainability Honours Bursary



The Environmental Legacy Foundation (ELF) Sustainability Honours Bursary is offered to UniSC students enrolled in an Honours program with a focus on environmental sustainability.

We are pleased to introduce the 2024 recipient of the bursary and thank you for your support and partnership in creating opportunity through education.



Lauren Campbell

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Thank you for your generosity in offering me the Environmental Legacy Foundation Bursary. I completed a Bachelor of Environmental Science in 2022 and presented research that I completed in my bachelor's degree to the Australian Marine Science Association Conference in 2023. After attending this conference, I knew I had to return to research. I've just begun a marine science honours program focusing on a critically endangered species, the grey nurse shark. Grey nurse sharks are large-scale migratory species often susceptible to anthropogenic threats, such as commercial and recreational fishing and shark control programs. My research focuses on shark control programs and the post-release mortality and behaviour after capture on drumlines. I hope that this research will allow me to further my career in the marine science world whether it is following a path to a PhD or jumping into the workforce hopefully in fisheries or a marine ecologist role.

When deciding whether to return to university the current cost of living crisis was playing on my mind and I feared I would have to sacrifice some opportunities to ensure I could continue to work, but with the assistance of this bursary, I have felt a sense of relief. I am now able to take opportunities like flying to Tasmania for a conference and obtaining my boat licence or dive licence to assist in other student fieldwork. Without the bursary, I wouldn't have afforded these opportunities so I couldn't be more grateful. This bursary is assisting me to gain the necessary skills required for my desired career paths that I wouldn't be able to obtain otherwise.

Thank you again for supporting me through my academic journey.

Kind regards,

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