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The Australian Population Association offers three grant opportunities: the J.C. Caldwell Student Grant, Alan Gray Student Grant and the Christabel Young Research Grant. These grants are designed to support demography students and demography researchers. Grants are awarded according to the criteria listed below, with preference given to members of the Australian Population Association and for demography-specific research conducted on the Australian population.

**J.C. Caldwell Student Grant**

The J.C. Caldwell Student Grant Scheme was established by the Australian Population Association (APA) in 1998 to encourage and support student research in the field of population. The Scheme is open to students enrolled at an Australian tertiary institution. It is envisaged that grants will mainly be applied to support students undertaking research by thesis at Honours, Masters or PhD level, but other student research projects will also be considered. Priority in funding will be given to projects that focus on some aspect of Australia’s population.

*Professor Jack Caldwell (1928 – 2016) was Head of the Department of Demography at the Australian National University (ANU), 1970–88, Associate Director of the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at ANU, 1988–93, and then an Emeritus Professor of Demography at ANU. Since the 1950s Professor Caldwell has published hundreds of articles and books on topics including demographic transition theory, wealth flows theory, HIV/AIDS in Africa, mortality in developing countries, family planning and fertility decline. An international survey of demographers in 2012 found that he was the most respected demographer of all time.*

**Alan Gray Student Grant**

The Alan Gray Student Grant Scheme was established in 2003 to encourage and support student research in the field of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population studies. The Scheme is open to students enrolled at an Australian tertiary institution. It is envisaged that grants will mainly be applied to support students undertaking research by thesis at Honours, Masters or PhD level, but other student research projects will also be considered. Projects must focus on some aspect of Australia’s Indigenous population.

*Dr Alan Gray completed undergraduate studies at ANU before working at the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Department of Immigration, and Department of Aboriginal Affairs. In the 1980s he undertook a PhD in Demography at ANU. Dr Gray’s research interests included Aboriginal family formation, health and mortality, data deficiencies and incomplete-data methods. Among his many achievements, Dr Gray was the first researcher to identify high Aboriginal adult mortality and the fall in Aboriginal fertility. He worked closely with Aboriginal communities and was passionate about issues of social justice.*

**Christabel Young Research Grant**

The Australian Population Association established the Christabel Young Research Grant Scheme in 2006 to encourage and support academic research in population studies. The scheme is open to all members of the Australian Population Association. Priority in funding will be given to projects that focus on some aspect of Australia’s population.

*Dr Christabel Young worked at the ABS in Adelaide and Canberra before her PhD in Demography at ANU on the mortality of Australian birth cohorts. She was a demographer at ANU for almost 30 years, and has been a Member of the ACT Electoral Commission since 1992, and a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia since 1994. Dr Young's research has focused on Australian demography, including differential mortality, immigrant populations, the family life cycle, children leaving home, population ageing, and women's labour force participation. Her work has been extremely influential both in Australia and internationally and is still widely cited today.*

**APPLICATION CRITERIA**

**Admissible expenses**

A grant may be used for any endeavour that will assist with the research process or deliver research outcomes. This may include the purchase of data or other research materials to assist with field work, travel requirements and professional development opportunities.

**Amount of grant**

The maximum value of any one grant is $2,500 but applications for smaller amounts are encouraged. The APA Research Grants Assessment Panel reserves the right to offer grants of amounts less than those sought, or to make no grants at all in any given year. A total of $7,500 is allocated across the three schemes each year.

**Conditions of grant**

* If not already, the grantee must become a member of the Australian Population Association
* Grant must be supported by the applicant’s department, faculty or other appropriate institutional body. Written agreement from the Head of Department, or other authorised officer, must be received stating that the grant will be administered in accordance with the conditions that the funding was provided.
* Upon completion of the research, or within 12 months of receiving the grant, the grantee is required to deliver the following to the APA:
	+ A 500 word statement summarising the outcome of the research (to be published in Demoz, the APA’s newsletter)
	+ A summary, including financial statement, that will be circulated to the APA Council stating how the grant monies were used.
* While not an explicit condition, it is expected that grantees would seek to present their research at the next Biennial APA Conference, and seek to publish their research in the Journal of Population Research.

**Applications**

Applicants should complete the form below. Applications will be received and assessed on a year-round basis. Applications for the Caldwell and Gray grants will also be assessed on the statement of support by the student’s supervisor. Applicants will normally be notified of the outcome of their application within one month of the closing date.

**Panel of Assessors**

The grant assessment process will be coordinated by the Secretary of the Australian Population Association. The panel of assessors for each of the grants is as follows:

J.C. Caldwell Student Grant – A member of the Caldwell family, APA Executive (President, Treasurer, Secretary)

Alan Gray Student Grant – Dr Edith Gray, APA Executive (President, Treasurer, Secretary)

Christabel Young Research Grant – Dr Christabel Young, APA Executive (President, Treasurer, Secretary)

**Submission of applications**

Applications should be forwarded to the Secretary – secretary@apa.org.au

**APPLICATION FORM**

This application is for the

J.C. Caldwell Student Grant

Alan Gray Student Grant

Christabel Young Research Grant

1. Administering department and institution
2. Project title
3. Project summary (200 words maximum)
4. Total funds requested
5. Chief Researcher

Title:

Full Name:

Department or School:

Institution:

Mobile:

Email:

1. Supervisor (Caldwell / Gray grants only)

Title:

Full Name:

Department or School:

Institution:

Mobile:

Email:

1. Project Description – please provide a detailed description of the project including: the research objectives; data sources and methods of data collection; methods of analysis; expected outcomes; and anticipated start and completion dates (max 500 words)
2. Budget Justification – please describe the purposes for which the requested funds will be used. Include details of the basis on which each of the items of expenditure in Question 10 have been estimated.
3. Is this project being supported financially, or has such support been requested, from any other organisation? If so, please provide details.
4. Confidential statement by supervisor (Caldwell / Gray grants only) – please provide brief comments under the following headings:

The student’s past academic performance

The research potential of the student

The merit of the project

Any other comments

I certify that all the details on this form are correct.

Signature of applicant Date

Certification by Head of Department:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the details provided on this form are correct. I also confirm that the Department/School supports this application and is able and willing to administer the grant.

Head of Department name and title:

Signature of Head of Department Date