

**Esma Salkin Studentship  
2008/2009**

The National Herbarium of Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, invites applications for a vacation studentship honouring the late Esma Salkin, who had a long record of interest in Australian daisies, and a long association with the Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, the Australian Plant Society and the Australian Daisy Study Group. You will be in the third or fourth year of a Science degree, with interests in plant systematics. The studentship will allow you to participate, under supervision, in one of the research programs at the Royal Botanic Gardens.

The studentship is awarded for an eight week period during December to February at the RBG, and remuneration is \$1426.29 gross per fortnight. Applications will be assessed on the merit of the applicant.

Current research programs at the Royal Botanic Gardens include: systematics of plants (Asteraceae, Fabaceae, Mimosaceae, Myrtaceae, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Rhamnaceae and bryophytes); systematics and ecology of macrofungi (especially truffle-like groups); conservation botany and genetics; selection and propagation of ornamental plants; floristics of cultivated plants; and nineteenth-century science in Australia.

The following project investigating systematics and conservation of Australian daisies is offered for the summer of 2008/2009:

***Ozothamnus* sp. 1**

Currently the Victorian Census (following Flora of Victoria) regards mainland occurrences of this alpine shrub as constituting a species distinct from Tasmanian *O. hookeri*, distinguished on size of leaves and presence/absence of stalks on flower heads. A morphometric study using these and other characters should resolve this. Prepare a taxonomic treatment for publication if species status is proven or if the 2 entities as currently defined are shown to be not worthy of recognition.

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For general information on the studentship contact Frank Udovicic (03 9252 2313, [frank.udovicic@rbg.vic.gov.au](mailto:frank.udovicic@rbg.vic.gov.au).)

Applications should include a curriculum vitae (including university transcript), two referees, and a brief covering letter explaining how the applicant would benefit from the Esma Salkin Studentship and how they can contribute to research on daisies at the Royal Botanic Gardens. Hard copies of applications should be forwarded to Dr Frank Udovicic, Plant Sciences Manager, National Herbarium of Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, Private Bag 2000 South Yarra, Victoria 3141, by 10 October 2008.