



International Protea Association

2017 IPA Research Scholarship – Peter Matthews Research Foundation

In the leadup to the **XIII International Protea Research Symposium** and **XVIII International Protea Association Conference** (Stellenbosch, South Africa - September 2017), students and researchers are invited to submit research proposals to the International Protea Association (IPA) for research scholarships funded through the **Peter Matthews Research Foundation**. The Peter Matthews Research Foundation was started in 2004 with a donation of \$10,000 from Proteaflora. The late Peter Matthews was a founder member of the International Protea Association in 1981 and his family company, Proteaflora, was instrumental in the development of the Australian Protea Industry. Scholarships are made available to stimulate research in the areas listed below.

Eligible projects include *Proteaceae* research into one or more of the following areas:

- Breeding, selection, evaluation and propagation of superior cultivars
- Cultivation such as nutrition and control of flowering time
- Postharvest handling
- Pest and disease control
- Marketing and supply chain management

Eligibility requirements: Applicant must be a member of IPA (see <http://ipa-protea.org>)

Total available funding: US\$5,000 to be allocated to one or more projects

Applications Open: 22nd June, 2017

Application Deadline: 4th August, 2017

Successful applicant(s) announced: September 2017 at the XIII International Protea Research Symposium, Stellenbosch South Africa

Application process: To apply please use the [IPA Proposal template](http://ipa-protea.org/research/ipa-research-funds/) also available online (<http://ipa-protea.org/research/ipa-research-funds/>). Proposals will be reviewed by the IPA Board, with advice from the IPA rep of the country of the applicant. The successful applicant(s) will be notified at the next IPA conference, and funding will be available for projects to start soon after. One progress report will be required (see [Progress Report Template](#)), before the final report is to be submitted after a period of two years following the awarding of the scholarship. **Projects must be completed and final report submitted by September 2019.**

For more information please contact IPWG Secretary Dr Lynn Hoffman (ewh@sun.ac.za).