

I am writing to provide you with an update on the progress of my master's research, which I was funded by the Alice McCosh Trust grant.

Use of Funds

I was a winner of \$1000 grant from Alice McCosh Trust, 2023 and the funds were used to cover travel expenses to the field to collect data: I spent four months in the field, from February to June 2023, collecting data for my research. This travel was by vehicle that would drop my research assistants and I at 7:00am in the field and pick us at 6:30pm from the field to the working station. The vehicle was very important during this data collection period as helped my team and I to reach the giraffe areas early before following them of foot.

Progress of Research

I am currently conducting nutritional analysis in the laboratory. This analysis is essential for drawing conclusions about the nutritional ecology of giraffes in Lake Mburo National park.

I am also analyzing the data I collected in the field and I expect to have preliminary results by the end of the year.

In addition to analyzing data, I am also working on writing my thesis. My thesis will discuss the findings of my research and the implications of those findings for policy and practice.

I am grateful for the Alice McCosh Trust support of my research. I believe that my research is important and that it will have a positive impact on the conservation of giraffes.

Next Steps

In the next few months, I will continue to analyze my data and write my thesis. I expect to have a draft of my thesis by the end of the year. I will also be presenting my research at the school next year.

I will continue to keep you updated on the progress of my research. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

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