PHD Opportunity
Tackling Prey Naiveté in Australia’s Endangered Mammals

Project outline: Predation by cats and foxes is the chief cause of reintroduction failure in Australian mammals. Australian mammals are vulnerable to predation because they have not evolved effective defences against these introduced predators. This project will determine if predator training and selective screening of individuals for predator avoidance traits can improve reintroduction success. The results will be used to improve reintroduction protocols for threatened mammals and re-establish populations of endangered wildlife.

There is an opportunity for a PhD student with $5000 annual top-up to participate in an ARC funded project in partnership with Arid Recovery investigating ways to improve the anti-predator behaviour of endangered marsupials and rodents in arid South Australia.

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