

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESEARCH AND RESEARCH TRAINING



INTRODUCTION

The Vice-Chancellor's Awards for outstanding contributions to research and research training will be awarded each year to staff who have made a major contribution to excellence in research and research training. There are four categories of award available to academic staff and to contract researchers:

- 1. Awards for outstanding research performance by early career researchers at Levels A and B:** a maximum of eight recipients per year each receiving \$2000 in award money.
- 2. Awards for internationally recognised research by staff at levels C, D and E:** a maximum of four recipients per year each receiving \$5,000 in award money.
- 3. An award for exceptional research training supervision:** a maximum of two recipients per year each receiving \$2000 in award money.
- 4. A UTAS Research Medal (including an award of \$10,000) for outstanding contributions to research at the University of Tasmania:** up to one award per year.

Background

The current system for rewarding staff for excellence in research and/or research training lacks cohesion. We propose to bring together new and existing awards into one program, sponsored by the Vice-Chancellor's office.

The Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) assessment exercise will see research performance become increasingly important as the Higher Education sector in Australia moves into a much more rigorous research performance culture, enabling us to benchmark effectively both nationally and internationally. The proposed awards are intended to reward staff at all career levels within a high level framework. At present we do little to recognise the efforts of early career staff, especially those who are employed on research contracts. The awards for staff at levels A and B will recognise excellence among this group. Excellence in research degree supervision is an area we wish to enhance as part of our efforts to improve completion rates. As part of this initiative, the existing Board of Graduate Research Awards for Significant Contribution to Graduate Research Supervision and Education will be elevated to the Vice-Chancellor's Office.

Eligibility

All members of staff engaged in research are eligible. For the award for exceptional research training supervision staff must have supervised at least five PhD students as the primary supervisor at UTAS.

Research undertaken at other institutions may contribute to the profile of staff nominated for awards.

Staff will be nominated for the awards by their Head of School/Institute in response to an annual call for nominations from the Office of the PVCRC. For awards for excellence in research training supervision the Dean of Graduate Research may also nominate individuals.

Staff will be ineligible for nominations for a specific award for 5 years after having been in receipt of that award. Recipients of the awards for outstanding research performance by early career researchers at Levels A and B will not be eligible for a second nomination. The UTAS research medal may only be awarded once to any individual.

THE AWARD PROCESS

Stage 1 – Nominations Process

A call to Schools/Institutes from the Office of the PVCRC will be made each year in October. Heads of School/Institute will nominate individuals in consultation with colleagues. Staff should be encouraged to seek nomination by their Head of School/Institute. Nominations will then be assessed by the Award Committee (see Stage 3) and those staff that meet the stated criteria will be invited to move to Stage 2.

Stage 2 – Application Process

Successful nominated staff will be invited by the PVCRC to submit a full application. Clear guidelines will be provided and will also be available on the Office for Research website.

Stage 3 – Selection Process

An Award Committee will be established each year as a sub-committee of the Research College Board, chaired by the PVCRC. The Award Committee will assess the applications and will make recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor. The sub-committee will include four RCB members across a range of disciplines, and the Dean of Graduate Research.

Stage 4 – Award Presentation

Awards will be announced in November and presentations made at an appropriate graduation ceremony in December.

The money must be used to support research, for example to attend a conference, travel associated with research or to purchase materials and/or equipment. The award money must be committed within one year.

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1. Awards for outstanding research performance by early career researchers at Levels A and B

There will be a maximum of eight awards per year. Each recipient will be awarded \$2000.

Eligibility

Nominations are open to **all** staff at level A or B who completed their PhD within the previous 5 years. Part time staff and staff who have had a break in service will be eligible on a pro-rated basis. Winners will not be eligible for nomination for a second award.

Timetable

A call for nominations will be sent to Heads of School/Institutes each year. Successful nominees will then be invited to submit an application by a specified deadline. The Award Committee will meet within a month of the deadline and the awards announced after approval by the Vice-Chancellor.

Criteria for the Award

1. Excellent publication output in international peer reviewed journals and/or books published by quality international publishing houses. Quality of publication in the discipline as well as numbers of publications will be assessed.
2. Evidence of winning funding to support research.
3. Prizes and/or awards.
4. Research related service to the discipline (e.g. reviewing for journals, sitting on peer review committees).
5. Invitations to deliver papers at conferences, particularly international conferences.
6. Evidence of developing research leadership.

Selection Process

The Award Committee will be a sub-committee of the Research College Board chaired by the PVC. The Award Committee will be made up of four RCB members from across a range of disciplines and the Dean of Graduate Research.

Instructions to Nominating Heads of School/Institutes

Heads of School/Institute should provide a one page letter supporting their nomination of an individual. This must reach the Office of the PVCRC by the stated deadline. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Instructions to Nominees

1. Provide a detailed *curriculum vitae* arranged in the following order:

- Name of nominee
- Name of school or institute.
- Qualifications in reverse order (dates, name of qualification and awarding institution).
- Employment history in reverse order (dates, title of appointment and institution).
- Research grants won (dates, awarding body, title of project, value of grant, indicate if you are the chief investigator or a co-investigator).
- Prizes and awards.
- Research students supervised (dates start-completion, name of student, title of project, whether principle supervisor or co-supervisor).
- Master and honours students supervised (dates, name of student, title of project, whether principle supervisor or co-supervisor).
- Invitations to deliver papers at conferences (dates, conference, venue and title of paper).
- Research related service to the discipline (e.g. reviewing for journals, sitting on peer review committees).
- Publications listed as follows:
 - articles in refereed journals
 - book chapters
 - books and monographs (both authored and edited)
 - other scholarly outputs

Do not include material that is in preparation or under peer review; only outputs that are published or in press are acceptable.

2. Provide a one page (A4 in 12 point) case supporting your application for the award.

Applications must be received by the stated deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.

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2. Awards for internationally recognised research by staff at levels C, D and E.

There will be a maximum of four recipients per year each receiving \$5,000 in award money.

Eligibility

Nominations are open to all researchers at level C, D and E. Staff will be ineligible for nominations for a specific award for 5 years following receipt of that award.

Timetable

A call for nominations will be sent to Heads of School/Institutes each year. Successful nominees will then be invited to submit an application by a specified deadline. The Award Committee will meet within a month of the deadline and the awards announced after approval by the Vice-Chancellor.

Criteria for the Award

1. Excellent publication output in international peer reviewed journals and/or books published by quality international publishing houses. Quality of publication in the discipline as well as numbers of publications will be assessed.
2. Evidence of winning funding to support research.
3. A sound track record of research training.
4. Prizes and/or awards.
5. Research related service to the discipline (e.g. reviewing for journals, sitting on peer review committees).
6. Invitations to deliver papers and plenary lectures at conferences, particularly international conferences.
7. Evidence of research leadership.

Selection Process

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3. An award for exceptional research training supervision

There will be a maximum of two awards per year. Each recipient will receive \$2000 in award money.

Eligibility

Nominations are open to all staff engaged in research degree supervision as a named supervisor. Nominees must have supervised at least five PhD students to completion as the primary supervisor.

Timetable

A call for nominations will be sent to Heads of School/Institutes each year. Successful nominees will then be invited to submit an application by a specified deadline. The Award Committee will meet within a month of the deadline and the awards announced after approval by the Vice-Chancellor.

Criteria for the Award

- A good track record of supervised students completing within 4 years.
- A good track record of students publishing their PhD work.
- Awards or prizes made to research students under your supervision.
- Where known, the career path of students when graduated.

Selection Process

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- Employment history in reverse order (dates, title of appointment and institution).
- List your PhD students (name, dates start-completion, title of project, other supervisors, whether the student was in receipt of a scholarship).
- List all your masters students (name, dates start-completion, title of project, other supervisors)
- List all publications produced by your research students arising out of their PhD research.
- Where known the subsequent career path of each of your PhD graduates.

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4. A UTAS Research Medal (including an award of \$10,000) for outstanding contributions to research.

There will be a maximum of one award per year. Each recipient will receive \$10,000 in award money and a medal.

Eligibility

Nominations are open to all researchers who have an outstanding career profile. Nominees must have made a major contribution to the reputation of the University of Tasmania. Winners will not be eligible for future nomination.

Timetable

A call for nominations will be sent to Heads of School/Institutes each year. Successful nominees will then be invited to submit an application by a specified deadline. The Award Committee will meet within a month of the deadline and the awards announced after approval by the Vice-Chancellor.

Criteria for the Award

1. Outstanding publication output in international peer reviewed journals and/or books published by quality international publishing houses. Quality of publication in the discipline as well as numbers of publications will be assessed.
2. An outstanding record of winning funding to support research.
3. An outstanding track record of research training.
4. Prizes and/or awards, membership of learned academies.
5. Significant service to the discipline, e.g. reviewing for journals or grant awarding bodies, sitting on or chairing peer review panels, national and international committees and panels.
6. Invitations to deliver papers and plenary lectures at conferences, particularly international conferences.
7. Strong evidence of research leadership.

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