



Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Early Career Researchers – Rules and Eligibility

Purpose

The Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Early Career Researchers recognises and values the outstanding contributions to the University of individual Early Career Researchers, embarking on their research career.

These awards will recognise, reward and encourage excellence in research across all Colleges.

Nature of the Award

Up to ten awards can be made each year. Each award is valued at \$2,500 to fund opportunities to broaden the recipient's networks and enhance their standing and recognition as a staff member of Flinders University.

Recipients of the award will receive a certificate and \$2,500. The award will be conferred as a significant honour.

Eligibility

At the time of the nomination, nominees for the award must:

- i. have been an academic staff member or have held academic status at Flinders University for a period of at least 12 months, and
- ii. have been awarded a PhD within the previous five years or, where there has been significant career interruption for parental leave, carer's responsibility or illness, have been awarded a PhD within the previous eight years.

Nominees with academic status who reside offshore will not be eligible for an award.

Previous recipients are not eligible for a further award.

Criteria

The selection of awardees will be based on research achievements since conferral of the PhD, as evidenced by post-PhD:

- research publications, including those accepted for peer reviewed publication and pre-prints as defined by the ARC definition, but not those submitted but not yet accepted
- research fellowships, awards or prizes
- grants obtained where income has come to Flinders University
- patents awarded.

The Selection Committee will also consider a statement from the nominee describing specific post-PhD research achievements and the impact of the research at Flinders University, as well as a statement from the nominator outlining the impact of the research relative to discipline norms and commenting on the potential for continued research success.

Research publication assessment includes assessment of journal quality, journal ranking, citation index and impact factors. Book reviews and quality of book publishers will also be evaluated. Nominees must comment on the standard of the publications and their role in multi-authored publications.

Process

Each year the Deputy-Vice Chancellor (Research) will invite nominations for the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Early Career Researchers.

Nominations will be made on the [standard form](#). The nomination form must bear the signature of the nominator, one supporter and the nominee's supervisor. All nominations will be referred to the Selection Committee for consideration.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) will approve the wording of the certificate for the award.

The award of \$2,500 will be deposited into a University account and must be used by the award winner whilst an employee or an academic status holder of Flinders University.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for the award will consist of the following members:

- Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) (Chair)
- Two Vice-Presidents and Executive Deans (or their nominees)

Staff Awards Celebration

The University hosts an annual VC Staff Awards celebration. The recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Early Career Researchers will be invited to attend the annual Staff Awards Celebration where they will be presented with the certificate and prize money.

Related Links

[Early Research Nomination form](#)

[Recipient Listing](#)

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