

15TH ANNUAL RESEARCH AUSTRALIA HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARDS

AWARD CATEGORY CRITERIA



INTRODUCTION

Research Australia's Health and Medical Research (HMR) Awards are an opportunity to shine a light on those who are working hard within our sector, who are making incredible discoveries and advancements, and who have tirelessly advocated and supported health and medical research. The talent and excellence in this space is simply astounding and Research Australia considers the acknowledgment and celebration of the extraordinary work in this sector a significant part of its advocacy role and one it has played for the past 14 years.

Research Australia HMR Award recipients can be individuals, teams or organisations that have dedicated themselves to improving outcomes for all Australians, be it through their own research, or through their support of research.

The Awards are in line with Research Australia's sector mandate and strategic objectives and endeavors to showcase the sector and highlight the broad and diverse opportunities within it. An important part of these Awards is to bring the wider community along by using practical outcomes to demonstrate just how important HMR is to us all.

What are the key nomination dates?

Nominations will open 9am Friday 12 May 2017

Nominations will close 5pm Monday 17 July 2017

Awards Gala Night will be Thursday 5 October 2017

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Review all the category descriptions and questions before submitting your nomination.

Complete the online nomination form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HMRAwards>

ADVOCACY AWARD

Health and medical research advocacy can make a significant difference to the research process, making scientific and medical advances more timely and effective in changing health outcomes. Advocates may work in many ways: they bring the collective patient perspective to medical researchers; they facilitate the effective dissemination of scientific advances that lead to better policy decisions and better treatment and management of disease; they garner community support and understanding of the importance of medical research and they play a significant role in raising much needed funding to support health and medical research.

This award recognises excellence within advocacy and congratulates exceptional contributions made by advocates (either as an individual, a team or an organisation) that have made a substantial contribution to help raise community awareness and understanding about the importance of health and medical research.

For many advocates, their commitment spans many years. The Awards Subcommittee will be looking for submissions from advocates who can demonstrate strong evidence of advocacy leading to the advancement of medical research in their area of interest over a period of time, and whose contribution is continuing today and into the future.

Your nomination should be no more than 700 words in total with consideration of the following questions to be included in your submission.

1. Please tell us about the work of the person, team or organisation you are nominating and why you believe their work should be recognised
2. What are the major contributions that have been achieved through this work and how has this impacted positively on health and medical research in Australia?
3. Please share any specific examples of the work done by the nominee that you feel highlights the reason why they deserve the award

[Previous Advocacy Award recipients](#)

DATA INNOVATION AWARD

The importance of promoting the value of data as a national resource both within and external to the health and medical research sector is more prevalent today than ever before.

In its second year, the Data Innovation Award is presented to an individual, team or organisation that has developed the most innovative method of gathering, making available, processing or interpreting data in a way that advances health and medical research.

Individuals, teams or organisations from all fields of health and medical research are eligible for nomination, not just those who specialise in the collection, analysis or interpretation of data. Innovations that provide new methodologies for research or have increased the availability of data for research are encouraged.

Nominations from individuals, teams or organisations that have demonstrated how they effectively communicated the important role that big data can play in achieving HMR outcomes that benefit to the community are particularly encouraged.

Your nomination should be no more than 700 words in total with consideration of the following questions to be included in your submission.

1. Tell us about the work of the person, team or organisation you are nominating and why you believe their work should be recognised
2. Please provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated innovative approaches to data gathering, processing and outcomes to promote the value of data in their research
3. How has the nominee shown significance and impact of data innovation? – please provide evidence of the research outcomes or predicted outcomes based on big data, if relevant to the nominees' research
4. If applicable: How has the nominee used data innovation to educate consumers on how data have the potential to transform our wellbeing, health system and economy?

[Previous Data Innovation Award recipients](#)

GREAT AUSTRALIAN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

This Award profiles personal philanthropy that is outstanding in its generosity, effectiveness, vision, high impact and/or transformative quality. The Award recognises and encourages personal philanthropic donations over a period of time by an individual or family to Australian health and medical research.

The Awards Subcommittee will consider nominees that can display evidence of:

- Achievements of an individual or family philanthropist, not an organisation or paid professional
- Leadership taken to engineer giving with impact, offering examples of good practice for others in the philanthropy sector
- Recognition of philanthropic achievements in at least the last five years (since 2012), for an individual or family, not an organisation

Your nomination should be no more than 700 words in total.

[Previous Great Australian Philanthropy Award recipients](#)

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY DISCOVERY AWARD

The Griffith University Discovery Award recognises an early career researcher, anytime from qualification but no more than 5 years' postdoctoral experience, in industry or academia, whose paper/patent/discovery has already demonstrated its importance or impact.

Your nomination should be no more than 700 words in total with consideration of the following questions to be included in your submission.

1. Please provide information about the significance of the work of the individual you are nominating.
2. How and where has the nominee's research had the biggest impact on further health and medical research, and/or health outcomes?

[Previous Griffith University Discovery Award recipients](#)

Prize

Professor Tony Perkins, Dean - Academic for Griffith University, is pleased to confirm that **Griffith University** will provide for the recipient of the Discovery Award the following;

- 2 return flights to the Gold Coast
- 2 nights' accommodation
- opportunity for the winner to present a guest lecture at Griffith University

Terms and conditions of the prize

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH AWARD

Health services research is a multi-disciplinary field of investigation that examines factors that impact on the quality of health care received by consumers including: access; delivery; cost; effectiveness and any other factor that impacts on health outcomes.

This Award is for an individual, team or organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to health services research. This could include any research along the continuum of health that results in improvements in the delivery of health care and/or health outcomes.

Your nomination should be no more than 700 words in total with consideration of the following questions to be included in your submission.

1. Please tell us about the work of the individual, team or organisation you are nominating and why you believe their work should be recognised
2. What are the major contributions that have been achieved through this work and how has this impacted positively on health outcomes?
3. Please share any specific examples of the work done by the nominee that you feel highlights the reason why they deserve the award.

[Previous Health Services Research Award recipients](#)

LEADERSHIP IN CORPORATE GIVING AWARD

This Award recognises outstanding leadership by a corporation or business in giving to and supporting health and medical research. This is not necessarily about the actual amounts donated, rather it's the relationship or partnership and commitment over time that is an important dimension of effective corporate giving.

Your nomination should be no more than 700 words in total with consideration of the following questions to be included in your submission.

1. Please provide examples and/or explanation of how the nominee has made an outstanding contribution to the health and medical research sector
2. What is unique about the leadership of the nominee in corporate giving?
3. What impact has the partnership had on the corporation or business, including staff engagement?

[Previous Leadership in Corporate Giving Award recipients](#)

THE PETER WILLS MEDAL

The Peter Wills Medal was created in honour of a great leader whose work led to the inception of Research Australia. The Peter Wills Medal is the flagship award and recognises someone who has made an outstanding, long-term contribution to building Australia's international reputation in areas of health and medical research, and fostering collaboration for better health

Nominations are welcome from any individuals who have made an outstanding contribution in the field and should not be regarded as being limited to researchers.

Your nomination should be no more than 700 words in total with consideration of the following questions to be included in your submission.

1. Please tell us about the work of the person you are nominating and why you believe their work should be recognised
2. What are the major contributions that have been achieved through this work and how has this impacted positively on health and medical research in Australia?
3. Please share any specific examples of the work done by the nominee that you feel highlights the reason why they deserve the award

[Previous Peter Wills Medal recipients](#)