

16th 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 15 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 endeavours 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 27 April, 2018

Nominations will close 9am Monday 23 July, 2018

Awards Night will be Thursday 8 November, 2018

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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/2018HMRA>

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 750 words combined between the three sections, 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 according to the criteria detailed above
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](#)

GREAT AUSTRALIAN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

This Award profiles personal philanthropy that is outstanding in its generosity, effectiveness, vision, high impact and 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.

Your nomination should be no more than 750 words combined across the three sections, with consideration of the following questions to be included in your submission.

1. Please detail the achievements of an individual philanthropist or family (not an organisation or paid professional) in at least the last five years (since 2013)
2. What has been the scale of financial contribution made or generated?
3. Please provide evidence of the leadership taken to promote giving with impact, offering examples of good practice for others in the philanthropy sector

[Previous Great Australian Philanthropy Award recipients](#)

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH AWARD

Embedding research in Australia's health system can ultimately deliver safer, more effective, evidence-based, efficient health care. Translating research findings quickly and efficiently into changes in clinical practice is one of the keys to improving patient management, reducing adverse events and readmissions, and reducing wasted spending on unnecessary tests and treatments.

This Award is for an individual/s who has provided leadership and made an outstanding contribution to health services research; has driven research that has led to a significant improvement in healthcare; and/or has championed the development of the health services research field.

Questions for the nominators to complete (please provide your response in no more than 750 words combined between the two sections):

1. Please detail how the nominee/s has provided leadership and made an outstanding contribution to the development of the field of health services research (including positions held etc.)
2. Please provide information, including examples, of how and where the nominee/s research has been translated and the resulting improvements in the health system and healthcare delivery

[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 that is an important dimension of effective corporate giving.

In no more than 750 words combined between the four sections, please outline the impact of the nominee's commitment.

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 attributes of the nominee sets them apart from their peers and makes them a leader in corporate giving?
3. What was the motivation for the nominee to support their chosen cause?
4. What is the longevity of the relationship or giving of the nominee?

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

DATA INNOVATION AWARD

Change is the only constant in data, with new sources and uses emerging all the time. Research Australia is a passionate advocate for promoting the value of data as a national resource both within and external to the health and medical research sector.

The Data Innovation Award recognises an individual or team whose innovation is considered to represent one of the most impactful new data innovation in the health and medical research sector within the past five years.

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

Nominees will also be judged on how they raised community awareness and acceptance of the value and sharing of data and its link to better health outcomes through research.

Questions for the nominators to complete (please provide your response in no more than 750 words combined between the four sections):

1. Please describe how the nominee has demonstrated innovation in the management, design, development or use of data.
2. How did the nominee differentiate the innovation from existing data practices being used in the health and medical research sector?
3. How has this data innovation been applied or translated? Or what is its intended application if the research has not yet concluded?
4. How has the nominee disseminated or promoted this innovation to the relevant end users?

[Previous Data Innovation Award recipients](#)

RESEARCH CHAMPION AWARD

Previously known as the Advocacy Award, The Research Champion Award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding efforts in championing and advocating for Australian health and medical research at the community, state and/or national level.

Awardees are individuals who advocate for health and medical research and positively impact the sector in Australia. They will have worked to educate decision makers, the public and the media and/or have affected policy and legislation change through effective health and medical research.

The Awards Committee will be looking for examples and evidence of advocates and champions who have shown outstanding practice of helping and enabling communities within Australia.

The application may also explore the personal strength of the nominee that, through time, skills and resources given to any region around Australia, has made a difference or inspired others to contribute to their community.

Questions for the nominators to complete (please provide your response in no more than 750 words combined between the three sections):

1. How has the nominee raised awareness in supporting and promoting health and medical research?
2. Has the nominee championed changes in the health and medical research sector and if so, how?
3. How has the nominee inspired others?

[Previous Advocacy Award/Research Champion Award recipients](#)

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY DISCOVERY AWARD

The HMR sector is committed to support and develop early career researchers.

The Award recognises an early career researcher (anytime from qualification but no more than 5 years post-Doctoral or research higher degree experience) whose paper/patent/discovery has already demonstrated its importance or impact.

In no more than 750 words combined between the four sections, please outline the impact of the nominee's project.

1. Please confirm that the nominee has no more than five years post-doctoral experience
2. Please provide details of the nominee's paper, patent or discovery
3. Please describe the importance and/or impact of the nominee's work on the research field
4. Please describe the actual or potential for translation of this research, and the broader impact on health outcomes

[Previous Griffith University Discovery Award recipients](#)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the criteria for each Award?

The criteria for each Award are described on the pages above. Please contact Research Australia on 02 9295 8545 or email awards@researchaustralia.org if you have questions about the suitability of a nominee for an Award, we are committed to replying to enquiries within 24 hours.

Can someone be nominated for more than one Award?

Yes, individuals, teams or organisations can be nominated for more than one Award. There is no limit to the number of nominations that can be made, but the responses to the criteria for each award must be tailored for each nomination.

Can I supply additional information in support of my nomination?

Where it is considered relevant by the nominee, you may provide up to one page of supplementary information where it will support and add to your written reasons for nomination. This information can be sent as an attachment(s) along with the Nomination Form, and could include such specific information as lists of publications, citations, Awards and conference presentations. While these lists are relevant for verification purposes, such histories should also be summarised very briefly in the body of your reasons for nomination if you believe that information is important. Maximum size: 1 page.

When are the finalists notified?

Nominations will be considered by the Awards Committee at their August 2018 meeting. The primary nominating organisation of each award finalists will be informed in the first instance, to enable them to give the good news personally to their successful nominee. This will occur during September 2018.

All finalists will be encouraged to purchase tickets or a table to the Awards Gala Dinner at a discounted rate.

When will the winners be notified?

The winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner to be held in Sydney on 8 November. Finalists and winners will be contacted in the lead-up to and aftermath of the Awards night to assist with media opportunities relevant to their nomination.