

# OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP AND IMPACT AWARD



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## NOMINATION PROCESS

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The information regarding this award should be read in conjunction with the [Vice-Chancellor's Award Guideline](#).

### What is the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research Partnership and Impact?

The Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research Partnership and Impact recognises the importance that UOW research staff play in the process of initiating, developing, enhancing and managing UOW's research partnerships and contributing to the translation of UOW research outcomes to industry, government and the community.

UOW encourages staff to undertake contract research and collaborative research with external research partners. These research partnerships provide many significant benefits to the university, including research funding, shared expertise, access to government funding, publications, enhanced reputation, the development of intellectual property, translation of research outcomes to industry and government, and student scholarships. The process of initiating, developing, enhancing and managing research partnerships is a time-consuming process that deserves recognition when it is performed well. The successful translation of university research outcome into a tangible product or service is of obvious benefit to both Australian and global communities. It is also important to celebrate our research partnerships and recognise our partners' role in establishing and maintaining these.

### UOW Values

The nomination must provide an overview on how the nominee reflects the values of the University. These values are as follows:

#### **Intellectual openness**

We are driven and determined, yet collegial and ethical in all that we do. We are always looking to serve our communities and share our knowledge and expertise with them for mutual betterment.

#### **Excellence and dedication**

We work tirelessly to excel in our research and education, and to address complex, real-world problems in partnership with our communities.

#### **Empowerment and academic freedom**

We celebrate the freedom to have different opinions and different ideas. We encourage the asking of difficult questions and discovery of innovative solutions.

#### **Mutual respect and diversity**

We aspire to set the standard for inclusiveness, diversity and equity. We welcome – and benefit from – the diversity of our communities within Australia and internationally. We will continue to champion Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation.

#### **Recognition and performance**

We celebrate the hard work and dedication of our staff, and recognise and reward their achievements. We expect all our staff to meet the challenges of our changing world by seizing opportunities that deliver continuous improvement.

Awards will only be issued for nominations which demonstrate exceptional and outstanding achievements.

The University is committed to workplace equity, diversity and inclusion and encourages nomination of suitable candidates from different backgrounds for this award.

## Who is eligible?

This award is open to **academic staff** who:

- are employed by the University on either a permanent basis or on a fixed term contract who are involved in a research partnership (including collaborative research, commercialisation, contract research, or a collaborative grant project such as an ARC Linkage) in the previous 12 months prior to the date of nomination.

Note: Partners can be government departments, businesses, industry, not-for-profit organisations or other non-university research institutions (e.g. CSIRO or ANSTO). Other universities are not considered eligible partners. Projects involving multiple partners are eligible so long as at least one partner is an eligible partner.

## What is the Selection Criteria?

Nominations will be judged on a range of criteria that may include, but are not limited to the following:

- The extent to which the nominee(s) played an active role in the initiation, development, enhancement or management of the research partnership, commercial research engagements and/or commercialisation IP.
- The extent to which the nominee(s) have demonstrated effective communication with their research partner(s), commercial engagement and/or IP commercialisation process.
- Satisfaction of the research partner(s) with the partnership.
- Benefits and value that the partnership and the project itself bring to the university as a whole (including but not limited to research funding, shared expertise, access to government funding, publications, enhanced reputation, the development of intellectual property, and student scholarships).
- Benefits and value that the partnership and the project itself bring to industry and the broader community, including alignment with the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).
- Strategies that enhance, improve and develop the partnership.
- Likelihood that the partnership or impact will build beyond the current project.
- Demonstrated commitment to the [national principles of research integrity](#) in the execution of the collaboration.
- An Elements profile which is complete for each academic team member – details on essential profile components are available [here](#), and an ORCID ID record that is up to date.

Nominations are considered on the basis of each partnership. The number of research partnerships that a staff member has is not a criterion considered by the Committee. Staff members who receive nominations for several research partnerships will not be at an advantage and it is strongly encouraged that the strongest research partnership be chosen as the basis of the nomination.

## How to nominate?

- The nominator may be a past or present UOW staff member or a representative of the research partner involved.
- The nominator must include a testimonial (no more than three pages in total) which clearly identifies the aspects of the nominee/s work that address the Award Selection Criteria outlined above and provides evidence of joint research achievements and translation impact. Testimonials must be signed and dated to certify that the details they have provided in support of the nomination are true and complete to the best of their knowledge.
- The research partner(s) may provide a letter of support of up to two pages, outlining the value, benefits and impact of the partnership. Letters longer than two pages will deem the nomination ineligible.
- Self-nominations are acceptable.

Nominations must be made on this form. The nominator will take responsibility for coordinating, completion and submission of the nomination form to the Research Services Office. Submission will include providing one full signed pdf copy of the nomination to the Director Research Services Office, via email at [research-services@uow.edu.au](mailto:research-services@uow.edu.au). For information about the awards and details about the nomination deadlines please refer to the [Vice-Chancellor's Awards webpage](#).

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**NOMINATION FORM**

**Individual nominee details** (Not required for team award nominations):

Full name:	Classification/Level: (e.g. Academic Staff Level B2)
Faculty/School/Unit:	Current Appointment:
Relevant Industry Partner:	
Title and Type of Partnership Project:	
Contact number:	Email:

**Team Details** (Not required for individual award nominations):

Full name	Faculty/School/Unit	Current Appointment/Level
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8.		
Relevant Industry Partner:		
Title and Type of Partnership Project:		
Contact number:	Email:	

**Executive Dean OR Associate Dean Research Certification**

Name:	
Signature:	
Faculty:	Email:

**Nominator:** *(responsible for coordinating the completion and submission of the signed nomination form and documents to the RSO)*

Name, Position & Organisation:	
Professional relationship:	
Contact number:	Email:
Signature:	Date of submission:

**Attach a signed testimonial to this nomination.**

Clearly identify the aspects of the partnership initiation, development, enhancement or management that the nominees were involved with, providing examples to support the Award Selection Criteria (maximum three pages only). Also indicate the benefits that the partnership has brought or will bring to UOW and what makes it an outstanding example of research partnership and impact.

A consideration of the partner's experience in the process should also be included and additional letter(s) of support (maximum two pages) may be provided by relevant industry partner(s) and attached to the nomination.

**Reflection of UOW values** (max 250 words) How does the partnership reflect the values of the University? *(note: this question is only to be completed by internal nominators)*

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Please provide a brief summary of the achievement that can be used as the awards citation if the nomination is successful, including reference to one or more UN SDGs (max 100 words):

**Diversity Statement** – what is the nominees’ commitment/contribution to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion (max 250 words)?