

# RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR



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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 Research Excellence Award for Researcher of the Year?

The Research Excellence Award for Researcher of the Year acknowledges the outstanding contributions to research by UOW individual researchers. This Award aims to recognise and encourage outstanding researchers with proven international reputations undertaking research that is of major importance in its field and who have made a significant contribution in advancing knowledge and research outcomes by either:

- Maintaining an exceptional record of sustained high level research activity during their employment with the University, particularly within the last 5 years; or
- Spearheading a major research breakthrough.

### 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.

### Who is eligible?

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

- have been employed by the University for at least 2 years and have occupied their position for at least 12 months
- hold a full-time fractional (0.5 FTE or greater) academic and/or research position (Academic Levels D and E) in the year of nomination

- hold a guaranteed position that extends at least one year beyond the anticipated date of the Award being made.

**Note:** Past recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's Research Excellence Award for Researcher of the Year or Research Excellence for Senior Researchers are not eligible to be nominated for this Award.

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

## What are the Selection Criteria?

The selection criteria for this award include the following.

- Significance of the research in contributing to new knowledge and /or innovations in the discipline.
- Recognition internationally for sustained and excellent research leadership, particularly in the past five years. Performance should be considered against quality indicators and norms within a given discipline, in addition to more general measures of competitive research grant or commercial research income, publications and student completions.
- Engagement and impact of the research, including alignment with the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).
- Significant leadership in interdisciplinary research collaborations.
- Successful and sustained leadership and supervision of postgraduate students and early and mid-career researchers through mentoring and collaborations.
- Recognition as a significant contributor to the research culture of UOW, including advancing equity, diversity and inclusion.
- Evidence of leadership in building a responsible research culture and promotion of research integrity.
- 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.

## How to nominate?

- A nomination must be made by one person who is familiar with the nominee's field of research and achievements. The nominator may be from the nominee's own Academic Unit.
- The nominator must provide details of two referees, who can provide comment on the nominee's performance against the selection criteria. Referees may be internal to UOW or external academics (e.g., research collaborators, industry partners, colleagues).
- A CV of no more than 2 pages for the researcher being nominated must be included. CVs longer than 2 pages will deem the nomination ineligible. Information about what is required of the 2-page CV and an example is attached.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.

The Nominator will take responsibility for co-ordinating completion and submission of the nomination form to the Research Services Office.

Nominations must be made on this form and should explain why the UOW researcher deserves to be recognised for their research by addressing the selection criteria.

Submission will include providing one full signed pdf copy of the nomination form and 2-page CV 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](#).

# Vice-Chancellor's Research Excellence Award For Researcher of the Year



## NOMINATION FORM

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### Nominee Details:

Full name:	Current Appointment:
Classification/Level:	Faculty/School/Unit:
Highest Qualification:	Email:

**Description of the achievement:** Clearly identify aspects of the nominee's work that address the Award Selection Criteria and explain why the UOW staff member deserves to be recognised for their research.

**Note:** exceeding maximum number of words in any of the following sections will deem the application ineligible.

**Reflection of UOW values:** (max 250 words)

How does the nominee reflect the values of the University?

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

Significance of the research in contributing to new knowledge and /or innovations in the discipline (max 250 words)?

Recognition internationally for sustained and excellent research leadership particularly in the past five years. Performance should be considered against quality indicators and norms within a given discipline, in addition to more general measures of competitive research grant or commercial research income, publications and student completions (max 250 words).

Engagement and impact of the research, including alignment with the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) (max 250 words).

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Significant leadership in interdisciplinary research collaborations (max 250 words).

Empty text box for significant leadership in interdisciplinary research collaborations.

Successful and sustained leadership and supervision of postgraduate students and early and mid-career researchers through mentoring and collaborations (max 250 words).

Recognition as a significant contributor to the research culture of UOW, including advancing equity, diversity and inclusion (max 250 words).

Evidence of leadership in building a responsible research culture and promotion of research integrity (max 250 words).

**Career Interruptions:** please provide details of any career disruptions (eg caring and parental responsibilities, medical conditions, non-research employment etc) and how this should be considered by the Committee.

**Nominator:**

*(The nominator is responsible for coordinating the completion and submission of the nomination form to the RSO, including attaching a copy of the nominee's 2-page CV)*

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

**Referee 1 Details**

Name, Position & Organisation:	
Professional relationship:	
Contact number:	Email:

**Referee 2 Details**

Name, Position & Organisation:	
Professional relationship:	
Contact number:	Email:

**Executive Dean OR Associate Dean Research Certification**

Name:	
Signature:	
Faculty:	Email:



## 2 PAGE CURRICULUM VITAE: RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR

### *Research track record relevant to opportunity over last five years*

Please provide a short (2 page) CV that outlines key aspects of the nominee's career and research track record.

The following areas may be considered:

- **Career summary** – qualifications, employment and appointment history, prizes, awards;
- **Field of research** – describe area of expertise and how research aligns with specific [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#);
- **Publications summary** – total no. of publications over career, total no. of citations, impact factors, h-index, FWCI etc;
- **List of top five publications in the last five years** including reasons why these publications have been selected, contribution of the nominee and bibliometric data, where applicable;
- **Funding track record & collaboration** – research income (competitive grants, other public sector and industry funding) and collaborations with universities, industry, business, and government partners;
- **Community engagement & participation** with identifiable benefits within and outside of academia;
- **Professional involvement** – committees, conference organisation, conference participation;
- **National/International standing** – invited keynote and speaker addresses, national and international advisory groups, prizes, awards;
- **Supervision and mentoring** including ECRs and HDR scholars, outcomes;
- **Peer review involvement** – including NHMRC, ARC and other organisations, manuscripts, editorial responsibilities;
- **Evidence of translational impact** – impact of previous research including translational applications (e.g., policy contributions, clinical practice) and/or commercial outcomes such as patents, IP licences.

### *CV Formatting Requirements*

- The CV is limited to a maximum 2 x A4 pages;
- Font: 12 point Times New Roman;
- Please write in the first person: I have been...My expertise is...
- File format: PDF;
- Margins, 2cm top, bottom, left and right;
- Line Spacing 1.0

### *An Example 2 page CV is provided below*

The information contained in the following example is provided to illustrate the type of information that can be included in a short CV.

## EXAMPLE - Short Curriculum Vitae: Professor XXX

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### CAREER SUMMARY:

#### Academic Qualifications; Employment and Appointment History

YEAR PhD from University of XXX. Type of appointments. List details of any Fellowships.

#### Current Appointment

S/Prof, University of Wollongong, Director XXXXX Research Group

#### Selected Honours, Awards, Prizes last 5 years

Eg Professional Society Medal/Prize

### FIELD OF RESEARCH:

My expertise is XXXXX and XXXXXX and my research is focused on XXXXXXXX, aligning with UN SDGs ZZZZ and YYYY.

### PUBLICATIONS SUMMARY:

*For example:* In my research field, first and corresponding authorship are rated highly. Of my XXX peer-reviewed articles (XX citations, H-index X; FWCI), I am: (i) First author on YY papers (ZZ as sole author); (ii) Sole senior author on AA papers; (iii) Shared senior author on BB papers (CC of these shared with senior postdocs in my team); (ii) Middle author on DD papers (EE have a senior postdoc from my team as senior author). On average, my research papers receive ~YY citations each. Four of my papers have >500 citations (I am first or senior author on 3 of these), nine have >200 citations (first or senior author on 6) and 21 have > 100 citations (first or senior author on 17) (Google Scholar, date).

***Top 5 Publications in the last 5 Years (\*first authors; #corresponding authors; @team ECR/HDR)***  
(for all bibliometric data include source, eg, Scopus/Google Scholar and date)

1. Publication Details including 20 words to describe the significance of the paper and 20 words on nominee's contribution
2. Publication Details including 20 words to describe the significance of the paper and 20 words on nominee's contribution
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**RESEARCH FUNDING:** Over the past 5 years, I have been CIA on Category 1 grants totalling >\$XM (2 ARC Discovery Projects, 4 NHMRC Projects) and co-CI on other Cat 1 grants totaling \$XM. I am CI Cat 2, 3, 4 income over the past 5 years totaling \$XM.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION:**

eg Schools. Museums. Science Outreach. Crowdfunding. Crowdsourcing. Media. Social Media.

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT (Past 5 years):**

Contributions to profession: eg conference organization; scientific advisory committees; review committees; policy development. Membership of national and international professional bodies. University, Faculty, School contributions.

**INTERNATIONAL STANDING:**

Past 5 Years: Keynote/plenary lectures include XXXXX. Other invited/funded lectures at major international meetings (provide details).

**HDR SUPERVISION AND MENTORING:**

Summary of numbers of supervised and co-supervised HDR scholars who have completed and current numbers of supervision/co-supervision of HDR scholars. Describe junior colleagues who have been mentored, and outcomes such as successful careers in academia, industry, commercialisation, editing and teaching including (examples...).

**PEER REVIEW INVOLVEMENT (Past 5 years):**

Policy development at university, conferences and nationally to address issues relating to XXXXX (example).

Membership of ARC/NHMRC/Other Peer Review Panels: XXXXXXXXX.

Editorial board membership: XXXXXXXXX.

Expert Reviewer of (journals): XXXXXXXXX.

**EVIDENCE OF TRANSLATIONAL IMPACT:**

Outline improvements in policy and clinical practice...

Summarise work that has been cited in XXX government/policy reports...

Since 20YY, XX international patents have cited my work.

Inventor or co-inventor on X patents that have been applied in the following industries...