

TEAM RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD



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NOMINATION PROCESS

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

What is the Vice-Chancellor's Team Research Excellence Award?

The Vice-Chancellor's Team Research Excellence Award recognises outstanding contributions to research by a team of UOW researchers collaborating within or across discipline boundaries, who have combined their expertise to produce achievements of outstanding significance either for research excellence or knowledge exchange. The purpose of this Award is to recognise a ground-breaking research outcome that has been possible because of exceptional teamwork. The Award aims to encourage outstanding, innovative research that demonstrates the benefits of cooperation.

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

UOW Values

The nomination must provide an overview on how the team 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.

Who is eligible?

This award is open to research teams involving UOW staff. The research for this Award may be for a single project or a body of work. Achievements must have been made jointly by the team members, not as individual researchers separate from the team's activities. The research must have:

- been undertaken by a research team involving members who have worked together within or across disciplinary boundaries and have demonstrated excellent mentoring of fellow team members;
- involved a research team led by currently employed **UOW staff members** (not normally exceeding 8 members);

- produced excellent outcomes, published in internationally respected journal(s), book(s) or equivalent electronic publications, production of significant reports or resulting in a change in practice in the last 5 years; and
- show evidence of sustained recent collaboration.

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?

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

- Significance and excellence of the research and the benefits it brings to the university (including but not limited to research funding, shared expertise, access to government funding, publications, enhanced reputation, the development of intellectual property and student scholarships).
- Impact of the research and the benefits it brings to industry and the broader community, including alignment with the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).
- Novelty of the conceptual or investigative approach (including the where applicable extent to which the research has combined different research paradigms).
- Strength of the collaboration and team work.
- Quality of the contribution to the training and development of research scholars and staff.
- Demonstrated commitment to the [national principles of research integrity](#) in the execution of the interdisciplinary research 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.

Note: interdisciplinary research collaborations that involve two or more disparate and unrelated disciplines will be viewed favourably.

How to nominate?

- Nominations can be made by either a past or present UOW staff member.
- Self-nominations are acceptable.
- Nominations must be made on this form and should include a testimonial of no more than three pages explaining why the research collaboration deserves to be recognised, addressing the selection criteria above and including a description of the team's achievements in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. contributions to knowledge
 - b. use of existing knowledge to develop novel solutions to practical problems
 - c. leadership in the transfer of knowledge, and
 - d. interdisciplinary and/or collaborative nature of the team and its achievements
- The team should also provide a 2 page team capability statement.

The nominator will be responsible for coordinating the completion and submission of the nomination form, testimonial and capability statement to the Research Services Office (RSO).

Submission will include providing one full signed pdf copy of the nomination form, testimonials and capability statement to the Director Research Services Office via email at 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 Team Research Excellence Award

NOMINATION FORM

Title of Project and/or Team



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Nominated UOW Team Members:

Full name	Research discipline(s) - provide 4 digit FOR Code (s) for academic staff members	Role in team

Nominator: *(The nominator is responsible for coordinating the completion and submission of the signed nomination form to the RSO, including attaching a copy of the 2 page capability statement).*

Name, Position & Organisation:	
Role in Collaboration (if applicable):	
Contact number:	Email:
Signature:	Date of submission:

Attach a signed testimonial to this application. The nominator must attach to this form a testimonial (up to three A4 pages) that clearly explains why the research collaboration deserves to be recognised, and must address the selection criteria including a description of the team's achievements referred to in the nomination section above (e.g.,a,b,c,d),

Note: exceeding max number of words in any of the following sections will deem the application ineligible

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):

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Reflection of UOW values: How does the research team reflect the values of the University?

(max 250 words, more than 250 words will deem the application ineligible)

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

Executive Dean OR Associate Dean Research Certification *(required for first named nominee only)*

Name:	
Signature:	
Faculty:	Email:

2 PAGE CAPABILITY STATEMENT: TEAM RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Research team capability statement

Please provide a short (maximum 2 pages) team capability statement that demonstrates evidence of (inter) disciplinary expertise, joint outputs and achievements through this research collaboration.

The following areas may be considered:

- **Expertise and productivity of team members** relative to the research program:
 - o What strengths and expertise did each team member contribute to make the research successful?
 - o How has the team worked together to successfully achieve their goals?
 - o How has the team mentored and supported ECRs and HDR scholars?
- **Evidence of Collaborative Achievements** (over last 5 years) including:
 - o **Publication Summary** – co-authored publications involving team members: including total no. of publications over career, total no. of citations, impact factors, h-index, FWCI etc;
 - o **List at least two and up to five team co-authored publications** including reasons why these publications have been selected (significance, novelty, impact), contribution of team members to the publication, and bibliometric data, where applicable;
 - o **Relevant competitive research income, prizes and awards** secured by the team;
- **Community engagement & participation** with identifiable benefits within and outside of academia;
- **Evidence of translational impact** – impact of research including translational applications (e.g., policy contributions, clinical practice) and/or commercial outcomes such as patents, IP licences.

Formatting Requirements

- The Statement is limited to a maximum 2 x A4 pages;
- Font: 12 point Times New Roman;
- File format: PDF;
- Margins, 2cm top, bottom, left and right;
- Line Spacing 1.0