

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION IN RESEARCH WITH INDUSTRY

In order to recognise, reward and encourage excellence in Innovation and Collaboration in Research with Industry at Monash University, the Vice-Chancellor is pleased to call for nominations for the 2009 Monash University Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Innovation and Collaboration in Research with Industry. The Award will recognise research excellence by researchers who are collaborating with Industry.

BENEFITS

Each award will consist of a medallion and a grant of \$10,000 to be used at the discretion of the award winner to further his or her research interests (see Terms of the Award below).

NUMBER OF AWARDS

This year's awards are for:

- Best Research & Development Collaboration
- Best Collaboration involving a CRC – Research & Development and Education & Training
- Best International Collaboration – Research & Development and Education & Training

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The award is made to a program or project involving a collaborative partnership between business and higher education. Therefore, the collaborating organisations nominated for the award must come from business and higher education. It is possible that the application may also be submitted for the annual National B-HERT awards.

Each submission must be signed by all participating partners.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. **Innovation** – has the project or program produced new products or services; how innovative is it in its idea, design, delivery or content, what new barriers has it surmounted; what new challenges has it identified?
2. **Strength of Relationship** – (a) what is the extent of involvement of the partners? (b) how has this grown in the life of the project or program? (c) how do the partners work together in a productive partnership (d) are there obstacles and barriers the partners have had to overcome to make the collaboration work? (e)

what spin-offs have there been from the project or program for participating organisations?

3. **Outreach Inclusion** – has the project or program attracted new participants since its inception; has it been a model for other projects or programs?
4. **National Benefits** – these may be economic, financial, social, educational or community benefits: may be for example, growth in exports, creation of new jobs outreach and provision of services to new community sectors and participants, and so on.
5. **Cultural Impact** – what impact has the project or program had on the cultures of the participating organisations. What changes have occurred in what is done and the way it is done in the participating organisations. What changes have there been in attitudes, behaviour or values in the participants?

NOMINATIONS

All nominations must be made by the faculty. Each nomination is to be made on the nomination form (attached). Each nominee is to fill out the attached application form (details outlined in Procedures section).

TERMS OF THE AWARD

Following announcement of the award, the researcher will be entitled to receive the \$10,000 either as a:

- (a) lump sum (non-superannuable) payment via the normal fortnightly payroll (in which case PAYG tax will be deducted from the gross payment); or
- (b) research support grant to be used for research related activities including travel, conferences, journal subscriptions.

In the event that the researcher elects to receive the \$10,000 as a research support grant, the funding will be transferred to an appropriate account within the researchers department/school.

The award (or any balance thereof) is not transferable outside of Monash University.

**PROCEDURES FOR 2009
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1. Faculties are to complete the nomination form for each Faculty Nominee for 2009.
2. The application form is to accompany each nomination form. Applications should address the selection criteria outlined above. Applications should be no more than 7 pages.
3. The faculty is to submit the nomination form and application to the Director, Monash Research Office by no later than 5:00pm, 10 July 2009.
4. The Monash Research Office will collate the nominations for the consideration of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Industry Engagement and Commercialisation). All nominees will be reviewed against the selection criteria as defined above.
5. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) will recommend to the Vice-Chancellor a recipient of the award.
6. The successful nominee will receive a formal letter advising them of the process for receiving the award.
7. The successful nominee will be announced at the Monash Research Awards function as part of the Research Matters on the 25 August 2009.
8. The Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) will arrange the transfer of funding for the award.

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2009 NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee

Department/School

Faculty

Campus **Ext**

I agree to accept nomination for the above award:

Signature **Date**.....
(Nominee)

I hereby endorse the nomination of above named applicant for the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Innovation and Collaboration in Research with Industry.

Signature:..... **Date**
(Dean/Associate Dean of Research)

Send this nomination form and CV to:

Director
Monash Research Office
Building 3d
Monash University 3800

No later than **5:00pm, Friday 10 July 2009**

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