

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research by Early Career Researchers

In order to recognise, reward and encourage excellent early career researchers (ECR) at Monash University, the Vice-Chancellor is pleased to call for nominations for the 2009 Monash University Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research by Early Career Researchers. The Award will recognise research excellence by early career researchers who are within ten years of the start of their research careers when they submit their applications.

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

One award will be made each year. An award will only be made in any year if there is at least one application of sufficient merit.

Eligibility Criteria

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- (i) Only recipients of this year's Faculty ECR awards are eligible to apply.
- (ii) The definition of an Early Career Researcher (ECR) means either:
 - a researcher who has had a PhD awarded, or equivalent research qualification or experience, within the last 10 years from the date of application.
 - a researcher with equivalent of 10 cumulative years of research experience but who has also had career interruptions (for example non-research employment, misadventure or carer responsibilities).
- (iii) Awardees are not eligible for nomination in subsequent years.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must demonstrate that they have achieved the highest levels of sustained excellence in research. The award is based on research achievements over the last 5 years.

Applicants must provide tangible evidence of research excellence represented by a combination of:

- high quality published papers;
- peer recognition by invitations to speak at conferences/meetings;
- originality and quality of research;
- success in obtaining external research funding;

- quality supervision of HDR students (evidenced by completions or publications data);
- awards/prizes;
- high impact research that is verifiable in the area of specialisation including commercialisation and industry engagement.

Nominations

All nominations must be made by the faculty. In cases where there are more than one Dean's award winners, all candidates may be nominated. Each nomination is to be made on the nomination form (attached). Each nominee is to provide a CV (details outlined in Procedures section).

Terms of the Award

Following announcement of the award, the ECR will be required to advise the Director, Monash Research Office in writing how they would like to receive the award, 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.

The funding will be transferred to an appropriate account within the ECRs department/school.

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

Procedures for 2009 – Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research by Early Career Researchers

1. Faculties are to complete the nomination form for each Faculty ECR for 2009.
2. A CV of the nominee is to accompany each nomination form. CVs should address the selection criteria demonstrating excellence in research for the period **2003-2008**. CVs should be no more than 6 pages.
3. The faculty is to submit the nomination form and CV to the Director, Monash Research Office by no later than **5:00pm, Friday 10 July 2009**.
4. The Monash Research Office will collate the nominations for the consideration of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). 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 of the process for receiving the award.
7. The successful nominee will be announced by the Vice-Chancellor. The medallion will be presented at the next graduation ceremony for the faculty of the award winner.
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 Research by Early Career Researchers.

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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Does the nominee fulfil the definition of an Early Career Researcher?	YES / NO
Is the nominee a previous winner of this award?	YES / NO