

## **Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Higher Degree by Research Supervision – Rules and Eligibility**

### **Purpose**

The Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in HDR Supervision provides a mechanism to reward Higher Degree by Research supervision excellence. It promotes both to Flinders and the wider community that our supervisors perform at national and international standards and encourages HDR supervision excellence through the recognition of best practice or quality supervision.

The Award acknowledges outstanding achievements across the various dimensions of excellence in supervision:

- the extent and range of supervision activities
- the positive outcomes for students
- respect and support for students as individuals
- support for students' career development
- broader contribution to the development of supervisory practice within the College or across the University.

### **Nature of the Award**

The winner of the award will be presented with a Certificate of Excellence in Higher Degree by Research Supervision. The award winner will receive a prize of \$5,000 payable into a university account subject to the same rules as a consulting account (i.e. requiring 'use for University purposes'). Possible uses may include conference attendance, research and supervision.

The recipient is recognised as a leader in their field and will be required to engage with other academic staff by providing up to three seminars or workshops for their College, or the University during the year following the award in consultation with the Office of Graduate Research.

### **Eligibility**

The VC's Award for Excellence in HDR Supervision will be conferred annually and awarded in the same calendar year.

Eligibility for the individual award includes all research active academic staff (continuing, contract and academic status) on the Register of Higher Degree by Research Supervisors with at least one timely principal supervisor completion in the previous five-year cycle. Applicants need to have completed the requirements of the HDR Supervisor Development Program within the previous two years, as required by the Register of HDR Supervisors. Award winners will not be eligible for re-nomination.

### **Process**

The HDR student nominates their HDR supervisor by submitting a nomination form addressing five prescribed questions to the Office of Graduate Research by the advised closing date. The Office of Graduate Research will collate evidence of all Flinders University HDR completions for each nominated supervisor.

The Office of Graduate Research will write to the supervisor, advising them of the nomination for the award, and invite them to write a 300-word statement that describes their supervisory philosophy and summarises their achievements in HDR supervision.

The HDR Coordinator (or proxy) in the relevant College will be invited to complete a testimonial that addresses five prescribed questions about the supervisor to support the nomination by the HDR student.

### **Selection Committee**

The University Selection Committee for the award will consist of the following members:

- Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)
- Dean of Graduate Research (Chair)
- One Higher Degree by Research Coordinator (from a different College to the Dean of Research)
- One Dean (Research) (from a different College to the HDR Coordinator)
- Two UHDC HDR student representatives

The University Selection Committee will examine the nominations and supporting information and determine the candidate to be recommended to the Vice-Chancellor.

Notification of the results will be made after they have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

### **Staff Awards Celebration**

The University hosts an annual VC Staff Awards celebration. The recipient of the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in HDR Supervision will be invited to attend the annual Staff Awards Celebration where they will be presented with the certificate.

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