
Policy Redesign Project

All policies and procedures are being reviewed as part of this project. This document is pending review, but remains in effect until the review is carried out.

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Higher Degrees by Research Supervision

Establishment:	Vice-Chancellor, 2 August 2016
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Nature of Amendment:	
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Responsible Officer:	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

1. Title of the Award - Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Higher Degrees by Research Supervision

2. Nature of the Award

2.1 One award will be made each year.

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

3. Purposes of the Awards

The purposes of the awards are to:

- reward Higher Degree by Research supervision excellence;

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- encourage Higher Degree by Research supervision excellence through the recognition of best practice or quality supervision;
 - promote both to Flinders and the wider community that our supervisors perform at national and international standards.

4. Eligibility for the Award

4.1 An Individual award will be given to a member of staff judged to be an outstanding supervisor of Higher Degree Research students.

Eligibility for the individual award encompasses:

- 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 completions in the previous five-year cycle.

4.2 Award winners will not be eligible for re-nomination.

5. Nomination

5.1 The student will nominate the supervisor by completing a one page nomination.

5.2 The Dean of Graduate Research will write to the supervisor, congratulating them on their nomination and inviting them to proceed in being considered for the award by producing an application.

The 4 page application must include:

- supervisory philosophy
- professional development
- list of completions and length of candidature

The OGR will collate evidence of all Flinders University RHD completions for each nominated supervisor.

5.3 The Deans of College (or proxy) will be invited to write a one page commentary about the supervisor against the criteria.

The documents by the student, supervisor and Dean of College will be completed independently and collated by the OGR.

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

Vice-Chancellor or nominee (Chair)

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

Dean of Graduate Research

One student representative for each College

Two RHD candidate representatives.

The Office of Graduate Research, on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor or nominee and the University Selection Committee, will call for and receive nominations. The University Selection Committee will examine the nominations and supporting information and select one winner.

Academic Senate will be informed of the recipient of the award.

6. Notification of the Awards

Notification of the results of the University Selection Committee's deliberations will be made after they have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor. A certificate and the prize money will be presented alongside the Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Doctoral Thesis Excellence ceremony.