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Research and Learning Expo – 18 to 26 August 2007

Researcher of the Year Awards 2007

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Welcome to the 3rd Geelong Region Researcher of the Year Awards

Awards

Overall there are 9 category awards with one of the winners being named Researcher of the Year and one as Highly Commended. Whilst all areas qualify for research submissions, those marked with a star (*) can also include trials and community projects.

Award areas are:

1. Animal Health
2. Biomedical
3. Biotechnology
4. Early Researchers
5. Innovation & Advanced Manufacturing
6. Partnerships
7. Population Health & Well Being*
8. Sustainable Environment*
9. Teaching & Learning (2 x awards)*

Awards are \$5,000 for each of the 9 Award areas plus \$10,000 for the Researcher of the Year and \$4,000 for Highly Commended.

Key Criteria

- Must be current research i.e. **currently underway and within last 3 years**
- Must have significant Geelong regional content particularly in terms of research design and development, management, monitoring and quality assurance
- If a research team then all members of the team, their location and organisation must be listed and resume provided
- Weightings will be distributed between:
 - Significance and expected outcomes of research 40%
 - Benefits of the research 20%
 - Capability/achievements of researcher/team relative to opportunity 30%
 - Proposed use of award 10%
- Must be available to attend the dinner and presentations if a winner

Timeframes

- Closing date for submissions **Monday 30 July 2007 (close of business)**
- Award evening **Saturday 25 August 2007**

Applications

Email or hard copy.

Judging of Awards

Each award has a separate panel of judges. The decision of the judges will be final.

Researcher of the Year Award Dinner

- 25 August 2007
- Sladen House, Pakington Street, Geelong West
- Speaker: To be confirmed
- Guest of Honour: The Hon. John Brumby MP, Minister for Innovation
- In each award, the 2 competitors reaching the finals will receive a free ticket to the award dinner

Sponsors

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| ▪ Researcher of the Year: | G-Force |
| ▪ Highly Commended: | CSIRO Textile and Fibre Technology |
| ▪ Animal Health | CSIRO Australian Animal Health Laboratory |
| ▪ Biomedical | Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development |
| ▪ Biotechnology | BioGeelong |
| ▪ Early Researchers | GHD |
| ▪ Innovation & Advanced Manufacturing | Geelong Chamber of Commerce |
| ▪ Partnerships | Deakin University |
| ▪ Population Health & Well Being | The Geelong Independent |
| ▪ Sustainable Environment | Bendigo Bank |
| ▪ Teaching & Learning (x 2) | Department of Education & Training Barwon SW Region |

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Award Details

1. **Animal Health**

A challenging area that can include animal and veterinary research, regional economic development, animal and pet care and of interest to such groups as the RSPCA, CSIRO, Primary Industry Research and Veterinary practices.

2. **Biomedical**

A significant research area in the region that can include medical, health clinical and scientific areas such as that carried out by health professions including General Practice, universities, health partnerships and agencies, community and local government agencies.

3. **Biotechnology**

A broad area covering a wide range of biotechnology research that includes outcomes targeting application of biotechnology in the areas of: aquaculture, agriculture, human health and the environment.

4. **Early Researchers**

This award provides an opportunity for PhD researchers and Post Doctoral researchers (within 2 years of their first post doc position) to be recognized for recent research activities undertaken.

5. **Innovation & Advanced Manufacturing**

This award covers research into new technology and improved processes specific to the manufacturing industry including but not limited to: application of advanced materials, design / design improvement, manufacturing process improvement and application of convergent technologies,

6. **Partnerships**

This award is to support research carried out in partnership with industry, public sector organisations or the community. The research must be a genuinely collaborative project rather than a contract for the researcher to solve a specific problem. There must be clear benefits to the partner organisation and potential for application more broadly to industry or the community.

7. **Population Health & Well Being**

A very broad category that can include a wide diversity of research, trial or community project relating to population health in general, work-life balance, employer innovation, leisure, health promotion, lifestyle, the arts, theatre, culture, sports.

8. **Sustainable Environment**

This award covers a comprehensive area of great public interest and could include research, trial or community project related to building and buildings, environmental design, environmental management, community care, healthy cities, sustainable communities, safety and community safety, tourism, culture and arts and heritage.

9. **Teaching & Learning (Two awards)**

These awards are designed to showcase significant innovation with a view to or resulting in improved student learning outcomes. It may be research, trial or community project undertaken by a teaching facility, a school, a cluster, a network or regional level research and could include curriculum development, student leadership, community engagement, student well-being, professional learning or any aspect of facility or school improvement which involves a research component.



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COVER SHEET

Family Name		Given Name	
Title		Address	
Telephone		Email/Fax	
Organisation		Address	
Contact			
Telephone/fax/ email			
Resume of applicant (limit to 3 pages)	Attach to application	Resume of research team members	Attach to application

Award Category	Select one only	
	Animal Health	
	Biomedical	
	Biotechnology	
	Early Researchers	
	Innovation & Advanced Manufacturing	
	Partnerships	
	Sustainable Environment	
	Population Health & Well being	
	Teaching and Learning	

Significance or social impact of research, trial or community project

Progress to date including proposed timelines and expected milestones

Description of how award would be used if successful