

Early Career Researcher Excellence

Preamble

The awards for Early Career Researcher Excellence recognise individuals who have shown outstanding performance in research relative to opportunity.

The selection committee will consider achievements in the following areas over the years 2021-2023:

1. Research Outputs, including non-traditional research outputs and Citations across
2. Research Income: research income in Categories 1-4
3. Research Training: involvement in the Higher Degree by Research (HDR) supervision.

The selection committee will also consider the contributions of individuals to the university in terms of engagement in collaboration, impact and innovation activities.

The Awards

One researcher from each faculty will be shortlisted for an award. There will be one Early Career Researcher Excellence Award and four Early Career Researcher Excellence Citations for 2023.

The winner of the Early Career Researcher Excellence Award will receive \$2,000 with Citation recipients each receiving \$1,000, which can be used to support research-related activities such as travel, conference attendance etc. The prize money will be allocated for the 2023 calendar year and funds will need to be expended by 30 November 2024. Funds cannot be carried over to 2025.

Eligibility

All research-active UC staff who are five years or less post-PhD completion. Academics who are greater than 5 years post-PhD may be considered if evidenced career interruptions bring the effective time since PhD to less than 5 years.

Selection Process

Each Faculty will nominate one candidate for the Early Career Researcher Excellence award. The faculty selection process will be managed by the Associate Dean Research or other nominated party within the faculty.

A selection committee, appointed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Enterprise, will make award and citation recommendations based on research contributions in the areas described above.

Award Recipients

The winner of the Early Career Researcher Excellence Award and Citation recipients will be announced at the University awards ceremony in November. The winner of the Early Career Researcher Excellence Award will be a finalist for the Vice-Chancellors Researcher of the Year award.

Winners will be required to submit a brief report to the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation (DVCRE@canberra.edu.au) on their use of the funds by 31 January 2025.

This should detail:

- How the award has assisted their research and preparation of future grant applications
- Details of any research outputs arising from work funded by the award
- An acquittal of expenditure of the funds

Further Information

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