



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION EXPO 8 – 15th August 2009

Researcher and Innovation Awards 2009 **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

Welcome to the 4th Geelong Region Researcher of the Year Awards

Awards

There are eight award categories. There will be one winner in each category. In addition, one of the winners will be named Researcher of the Year and a second winner will receive a Highly Commended award.

Applicants in all eight categories are eligible for an award.

The term "research" includes quantitative and qualitative studies, community projects and service development projects. Please consider carefully your choice of category.

The eight Award categories are:

1. Animal Health
2. Biotechnology
3. Early Researcher
4. Smart Technology
5. Safer Communities
6. Health and Lifestyle
7. Save the Planet*
8. Teaching & Learning

The winning applicant in each category will receive \$5,000. In addition, the Researcher of the Year will receive \$10,000 and the winner of the Highly Commended award will receive \$4,000.

Key Selection Criteria

- The research project must be **currently underway or commenced within the last three years**
- It 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
- Must be available to attend the dinner and presentations if selected to receive an award

Weightings

- Weightings for each section of the application will be distributed between:
 - Project design and Progress to Date 40%
 - Significance, Benefits and Expected Impact of the research 20%
 - Achievements of researcher/team relative to opportunity 30%
- The Early Career Researcher award has slightly different weightings:
 - Weightings for Early Career Researcher award are:
 - What has been achieved so far 50%
 - *Experimental results* 30%
 - *Publications and/or Patents* 15%
 - *Presentations* 5%
 - Achievements relative to opportunity 30%
 - Significance and Potential Impact of the work when completed 20%

Timeframes

- Closing date for submissions **17 July 2009**

- Award evening

Saturday 8th August, 2009

Applications

Email or hard copy.

Judging Process

Each award category is judged by a separate panel of judges. The decision of the judges will be final.

Researcher of the Year Award Dinner

- 8th August, 2009
- 6.30pm –10.30pm
- Mercure Hotel, Gheringhap Street, Geelong
- In each award, the 2 competitors reaching the finals will receive a free ticket to the award dinner and will be advised prior to the dinner

Contacts

1. Contact for information:

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OR send or deliver to : Smart Geelong Network Ltd
Geelong Chamber of Commerce
Victoria Business Centre
69 – 71 Moorabool Street
Geelong Vic 32

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. **Biotechnology**

A broad area that covers a wide range of biotechnology research that includes the application of biotechnology to biomedical, aquaculture, agriculture, human health and the environment.

3. **Early Researchers**

This award provides an opportunity for PhD researchers and Post Doctoral researchers (within 3 years of their first post doc position) to be recognised for significant recent research contributions in their field. Please note this category has different weightings for the Selection Criteria (as shown on page 1).

4. **Smart Technology**

Research into new and developing technology and improving processes that includes application of advanced materials, design / design improvement, Information technology, manufacturing process improvement and the application of convergent technologies,

5. **Safer Communities***

This award encompasses a wide range of research and project activity that address safety in relation to roads, traffic, transport, security, victim support, community building, livable cities

6. **Health & Lifestyle ***

A very broad category that includes a wide range of research activities, community project work relating to population health in general such as work-life balance, employer innovation, leisure, recreation and sport, health promotion, community revitalisation, social, ethnic and disability disadvantage, lifestyle, lifelong learning, the arts, theatre and culture,

7. **Save the Planet ***

This award covers a comprehensive area of great public interest and could include research, trial or community project related to water, carbon emissions, building and buildings, environmental design, environmental

management, biodiversity (pests, plants and animals and vegetation), healthy cities, sustainable communities, culture, arts and heritage,

8. Teaching and Learning *

This award was designed to showcase significant innovation with a view to or resulting in improved student learning outcomes. It includes research, trial or community projects 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 that has a research component.

*These awards include both research and projects to enable those undertaking projects to develop and gain from the award process.



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SUBMISSION FORM

Send completed Submission to:
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OR

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Part 1

COVER SHEET

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

Award Category	Carefully consider within which category your project fits and select one or two categories stating 1 st and 2 nd in the box	
	Animal Health	
	Biotechnology	
	Early Researcher	
	Smart Technology	
	Safer Communities	
	Health and Lifestyle	

• Outcomes or Expected Outcomes	Concise description of each outcome. No more than 4 outcomes
1.	
2.	
3.	
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Add as required

Significance or social impact of the project: (200 words)

Progress to date monitored according to the study timelines: (200 words)
Please include summary of results to date

Expected progress for the following 12 months: (200 words)