2023 Research Excellence Awards
Excellence in Research Innovation, Partnership and Entrepreneurship

Information and Guidelines

The Research Innovation, Partnership and Entrepreneurship (RIPE) award is to recognise and reward excellence in research innovation, partnership, commercialisation, translation and entrepreneurship at Macquarie University. This award is most likely to be suited to team nominations given the time and effort required to develop and grow external research collaborations and achieve impact. Competitive nominations will involve significant engagement with external parties, the attraction of major contributions from partners, and evidence of practical uptake, adoption and real-world impact of Macquarie research outputs. Awardees will be able to demonstrate their qualifications as leaders in research innovation in their field and be able to support this in their application with evidence and demonstrated use by end users.

Eligibility

All members of research-active staff can be nominated for this award (this may include students as part of a Macquarie team). Nominations must be made by the Executive Dean of the relevant Faculty directly to the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Enterprise) (PVC(RI&E)). Nominees, pending approval by the PVC(RI&E), will be invited to submit an application.

Judging Criteria

The nominee(s) must be able to provide tangible evidence that they are a leading researcher or team with a proven track record in research innovation and translation in the following three judging criteria:

1. **Innovation (20%)**: describe how the research is innovative. This may include:
   - Evidence that the research is based on the innovation of an idea or concept or a novel application of an existing idea or concept.
   - Demonstration of a track record of leadership of an innovative, coherent and independent research program.

2. **Partnership (40%)**: describe partnership and collaboration with external parties. This may include:
   - Sustained engagement and partnership between Macquarie and external groups including industry; local, state or Commonwealth Governments; NGOs; and international organisations.
   - Evidence of collaboration with cited partners including letters of support, endorsing the application.
   - Development of the partnership: how the partnership was initiated; how the problem/challenge industry was seeking to address was discovered; strategies employed to enhance, improve or develop the partnership; demonstrated effective communication with the partner.
   - Mutual benefits and outcomes of the partnership: satisfaction of the partner; value of the partnership; likelihood of the partnership or impact to build beyond the current project.
   - Influencing Macquarie’s research revenue diversification strategy by a demonstration of the attraction of significant financial contributions from partners.

3. **Impacts and implementation (40%)**: describe impacts and wider benefits of your team’s research. This may include:
   - Summary of Commercialisation Agreements, Record of Intellectual Property (Patent Applications and copyright material; software, algorithms; methods, manuals etc).
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- Engagement with programs to enable innovation, commercialisation and entrepreneurship such as the Incubator and Deep Tech Incubator.
- Benefits and impacts that the research brings to the University, industry or broader community.
- Evidence of practical uptake, adoption and real-world impact of the translation of the research.

Guidelines for Submission

Prepare a single PDF application containing the following information:

- Judging criteria: a brief description of how the activity addresses each of the judging criteria (three-page maximum).
- Additional information: submission of any other relevant information that may assist the judging panel in decision making (five-page maximum).

Please also provide a:
- Photograph: with your email application, please attach a separate jpeg file of yourself or the team (please name team members featured in the photograph) for promotional purposes (preferably landscape orientation and from above the waist and 10 MB).

Additional Information

- Prize: The Excellence in Research Innovation, Partnership and Entrepreneurship winner will receive $10,000 (AU) award that will be allocated into a project account (expiring 31 December 2025) to be used to support further research innovation and commercialisation endeavours.
- Applications with incomplete sets of supporting information will not be considered and judges will only consider what has been provided within the parameters (e.g. page maximum for each, PDF format single document).
- Applications must be no more than eight total pages in length.
- The deliberations of the judging panel are confidential, and all recommendations and decisions taken are binding and final and no correspondence will be entered into on such matters.
- The judges reserve the right not to award the prize if they feel the entries are insufficiently meritorious.
- No entries received after the closing date will be considered.
- Information provided in applications may be included in Macquarie University research impact assessments and reports.

Please submit your application via the Research Excellence Awards webpage by 11:59 PM on 9 June 2023. Late applications will not be considered.

Please refer to the Research Excellence Awards webpage for further information regarding the awards.