



Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research by Early Career Researchers

Monash is a university which seeks to encourage, recognise and reward excellence in research by Early Career Researchers (ECRs). The Vice-Chancellor is pleased to call for nominations for the 2010 Monash University Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research by ECRs ("ECR Award"). The award will recognise research excellence by ECRs who are within ten years of their research careers when they submit their applications. This document outlines the application procedure associated with the award.

Benefits

Each Vice-Chancellor's ECR Award is composed of a medallion and a grant of \$10,000 which is to be used, at the discretion of the recipient, to further his or her research interests (see Terms of the Award, below).

Number of Awards

Normally, only one Vice-Chancellor's ECR Award will be made in any given year. The ECR Award will only be granted if an application is deemed to be of sufficient merit, and the University reserves the right not to make an award in any given year.

Eligibility

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- (i) Only recipients of the current year's Faculty, President led or campus ECR awards are eligible to apply for the Vice-Chancellor's ECR Award.
- (ii) Winners of previous Vice-Chancellor's ECR Awards are not eligible to apply.
- (iii) For the purposes of the ECR Award, an ECR is defined as:
 - A researcher who has had a PhD awarded (or equivalent research qualification/experience) within ten years of the date of application for this Award
 - A researcher with equivalent of ten cumulative years of research experience but who has also experienced career interruptions arising from professional or personal issues.

Selection Criteria

- (i) Applicants will be assessed on the information provided in their nomination submission. Applicants must demonstrate that they have achieved the highest levels of sustained research excellence in research. The ECR Award is based on research achievements over the past five years.

- (ii) Applications must provide tangible evidence of research excellence as represented by one or more of the following criteria:
- a) Research publications independently assessed as being of high quality or impact
 - b) Peer recognition by invitations to speak at conferences or meetings of learned bodies
 - c) Demonstrated originality/quality of research
 - d) Success in obtaining external research funding, particularly that which is also the subject of peer review.
 - e) Quality supervision of HDR students as evidenced by completions; completion rates or publications arising from student co-authored publications
 - f) Awards/Prizes from learned bodies
 - g) High impact research that is verifiable in the area of specialisation, including commercialisation or industry engagement.

Nominations

Nominations for the Vice-Chancellor's ECR Award must be made by faculties or campus, based upon those who have been awarded the Dean's or Pro Vice-Chancellor's ECR Awards. In cases where there is more than one recipient of a Dean's or Pro Vice-Chancellor's Award, then multiple nominations may be made. Each nomination for the Vice-Chancellor's ECR Award must be via the attached nomination form and is to be accompanied by the nominee's curriculum vitae of no more than six pages in length (see details listed under "Procedures")

Terms of the Award

Following announcement of the ECR award, the ECR will be required to advise Jane Holt, Executive Director, Research, Office of the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) (Jane.Holt@adm.monash.edu.au), in writing, how they would like to receive the award. Researchers can receive the payment in one of two ways:

- a) Lump sum (non-superannuable) payment via the normal fortnightly payroll (in which case PAYG tax will be deducted from the gross payment)
- b) Research support grant to be used for research related activities including travel, conferences and journal subscriptions.

Important Dates

Task	Date
Release of Vice-Chancellor's ECR Award guidelines	18 May 2010
Faculty ECR Award Process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Call for submissions – Selection process – Dean's ECR Award winner announced 	18 May – 16 July 2010
Deadline for Dean's or Pro Vice Chancellor's ECR Award winners to be submitted to the Monash Research Office (MRO)	19 July 2010
Winner(s) of the 2010 Vice-Chancellor's ECR Award announced at the Research Matters 2010 Research Awards Dinner	19 August 2010

Procedures for 2010

- (i) Faculties or campuses should complete a nomination form for each faculty ECR that has been awarded the Dean's or Pro Vice-Chancellor's Award and which the faculty wishes to be considered for the Vice-Chancellor's Award.
- (ii) A curriculum vitae, for each nominee, which provides details supporting the nomination and case, via the selection criteria, should be included with the submission. The curriculum vitae should not exceed six pages in length.
- (iii) A faculty or campus representative should submit the nomination forms and curriculum vitae to the Director, Monash Research Office by 5pm on 19 July 2010.
- (iv) The Director, Monash Research Office will collate the nominations for consideration by the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).
- (v) The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) will assess each application against the selection criteria.
- (vi) The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) will recommend to the Vice-Chancellor a recipient for the ECR Award.
- (vii) The successful applicant will receive a formal letter advising of the process for receipt of the ECR Award.
- (viii) The Awardee will be announced by the Vice-Chancellor. The medallion will be presented at the next graduation ceremony for the faculty of the Awardee.
- (ix) The Office of the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) will arrange for transfer of funding for the ECR Award.



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2010 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____

Department/School _____

Faculty _____

Campus _____

Extension _____

Email Address _____

I agree to accept the nomination for the above Award:

Signature.....
(Nominee)

Date.....

I hereby endorse the nomination of the abovenamed applicant for the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in research by Early Career Researchers:

Signature.....
(Dean/Associate/Deputy Dean Research/Pro Vice Chancellor)

Date.....

Send this nomination form and nominee's curriculum vitae to:

Director
Monash Research Office
Building 3D
Monash University 3800

No later than **5pm on the closing date for submissions**

Office Use Only

Does the nominee fulfil the definition of an ECR?	Yes / No
Is the nominee a previous winner of this award?	Yes / No
Has the nominee been awarded the Dean's award?	Yes / No