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## Overview

The Australian Council of Graduate Research proudly presents a suite of awards for Excellence in Graduate Research Education. These awards were made for the first time in 2017 to publically promote quality in higher degree research supervision, leadership and industry engagement.

These awards not only recognise and reward international excellence but will also contribute to good practice in higher degree research (HDR) supervision and leadership amongst all ACGR members and encourage institutions to establish their own award programs.

The following awards will be presented in 2021:

ACGR Award for Excellence in Graduate Research Supervision sponsored by ResearchMaster

ACGR Award for Excellence in Graduate Research Leadership

ACGR Award for Excellence in Promoting Industry Engagement in Graduate Research

Winners of each award will be publicly recognised at a public event in April and featured on the ACGR website. Each will also receive a grant of $3000 and an invitation to attend a forthcoming ACGR national meeting in the following 12 months.

## Eligibility

1. Individuals or groups from all ACGR full and associate member institutions may be nominated for each award.
2. All nominations must be endorsed by their ACGR representative or nominee
3. Nominees must have had a continuing or contract position at no less than .4 EFT (or an adjunct appointment) at their nominated University for a minimum of two years at the time of application. (In the case of a team nomination for the supervisor or Industry engagement award, the majority of the members of the team must meet this condition.)
4. Individuals and teams may only apply in one category in any given year.
5. Award recipients are not eligible for renomination in the same award category within three years of receiving an award in that category.

## Nominations

1. Individuals may be nominated by the Dean of Graduate Studies (or equivalent) in their institution
2. Institutions may only make one nomination per category per year
3. ACGR member institutions may choose either to nominate the winners of their university level awards for the ACGR awards or to endorse individual nominations that arise independently.
4. Nominations must be submitted on the appropriate form, abide by stated word lengths and received by the published closing date each year.

## 2021 Award Timetable

For the 2021 awards:

* Nominations are now open and must be received by close of 5 pm AEST on Friday 26 March 2021.
* The selection panel will meet in early April 2021 and winners advised by mid April
* Awards will be presented via a special webinar expected to be held in late April or early May.
* Category winners will also be invited to present at one of the ACGR webinars throughout 2021 or attend the national meeting in November (location to be advised).

## Award Details and Selection Criteria



### ACGR Award for Excellence in Graduate Research Supervision sponsored by ResearchMaster

This will be awarded to an individual HDR supervisor or team of supervisors who demonstrate a track record of successful HDR candidate outcomes and engagement in high quality supervisory practice and research supervision leadership.

The judging panel will consider documented evidence of:

* demonstrated engagement in high quality and innovative research supervision practice,
* successful and timely HDR completions,
* any co-publication or production of other research outputs with or by their candidates,
* the development of HDR candidate’s employability skills and professional networks,
* promotion of industry engagement,
* leadership in research supervision including the provision of mentoring to less experienced supervisors,
* positive post-graduation outcomes of candidates, and
* supporting statements from current and graduated candidates and academic colleagues.

### ACGR Award for Excellence in Graduate Research Leadership

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This will be awarded to an individual academic in a research training leadership role who demonstrates inspirational and effective local graduate research leadership at school, faculty or other academic unit level. Institutional deans of graduate research or equivalent are not eligible for this award.

The judging panel will consider evidence of:

* initiatives that have enabled a strong and supportive intellectual community for HDR candidates within their academic unit,
* contribution to the development and maintenance of high quality and innovative HDR and/or skill development programs,
* effective support and mentoring for HDR supervisors,
* contributions to the development and strengthening of institutional and local HDR strategy and policy, and
* supporting statements from relevant stakeholders.

### ACGR Award for Excellence in Promoting Industry Engagement in Graduate Research

This will be awarded to an individual or team of HDR supervisors, coordinators or professional staff who have initiated or supported innovative and transformational engagement between higher degree research candidates and industry partners.

The judging panel will consider evidence of:

* initiatives that have enabled successful and effective collaborations between HDR candidates and industry partners,
* HDR programs and/or supervision that supports candidates to develop strong employability skills and wide professional networks,
* projects or initiatives that promote HDR candidates and graduates to industry, and
* supporting statements from HDR candidates and industry partners.

## Judging Panel and Process

An independent and expert panel will be established to judge all three awards. The panel will comprise:

1. The ACGR Convenor (or nominee) as a non-voting Chair
2. A DVC – Research/Research and Innovation
3. Two DDOGS nominated by the ACGR Convenor
4. A current HDR candidate representative – nominated by CAPA
5. An industry representative

## Prizes

A $3000 grant will be presented to each award winning individual or team and travel expenses provided to attend the award dinner.