

## Chancellor's Medal for Excellence in the PhD Thesis

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| <b>Description</b>   | The policy describes the eligibility, criteria and selection process for the awarding of the Chancellor's Medals for Excellence in the PhD Thesis.              |
| <b>Related documents</b>   |   |
| <a href="#">Higher Degree Research Policy</a>  |   |
| <a href="#">Griffith Graduate Research School Website</a>  |   |
| <a href="#">Higher Doctorates by Publication Policy</a>  |   |
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### 1. PREAMBLE

The University's recognition of student achievement in research through the award of The Chancellor's Medals raises the profile of the research being successfully undertaken. Recipients of the awards are likely to benefit in terms of their competitiveness in the employment sector. Recognition of high achieving PhD graduates is important in raising the aspirations of all candidates, improving the range of employment destinations and acknowledging the importance of quality PhD completions to the University's research outcomes.

### 2. AWARDS

The Chancellor's Medals are to be awarded annually for excellence in the PhD thesis. Each recipient will receive a medal and \$1,000. Each of the Academic Groups will nominate an eligible candidate for an award.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

#### 3.1 Requirements Applicable to Awards Conferred until 31 December 2018

PhD candidates who have been conferred within the previous calendar year and who have obtained a category 1 recommendation from both examiners and who are included in the Dean's list of Academic Excellence will be eligible for consideration. Candidates must also have submitted their thesis for examination by their original maximum submission date (i.e. within four years full time equivalent) to be eligible.

#### 3.2 Requirements Applicable to Awards Conferred from 1 January 2019

To be eligible for the Chancellor's Medal, candidates must:

- have received the Award of Excellence in the Research Thesis from the Dean, Griffith Graduate Research School (refer section 9.7 of the *Higher Degree Research Policy*);

- have been enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (PhD Clin Psych), or the Doctor of Philosophy in Organisational Psychology (PhD Org Psych) degree; and
  - be conferred within the previous calendar year.
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#### **4. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

The criteria for selection of the outstanding PhD thesis of the year are:

- significance of the work in the field
- quality of the thesis, as a thesis.

The evidence to be used will include:

- strength of recommendation in examiners' reports including Chairperson of Examiners report
  - thesis
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#### **5. PROCEDURES FOR AWARD**

- The Griffith Graduate Research School (GGRS) administers the award scheme.
  - Determination of eligibility is carried out by GGRS on an annual basis, in respect of the previous year's conferrals.
  - Each Academic Group will convene a Committee chaired by the Pro Vice Chancellor to rank eligible candidates and to nominate the Group's top ranked candidate to the Dean, Griffith Graduate Research School. The Group Committee will consider examiners' reports and copies of theses for eligible graduates against the criteria for selection.
  - The Dean, Griffith Graduate Research School will recommend candidates to the Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor for the Chancellor's Awards.
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#### **6. APPROVAL**

On the recommendation of the Dean, Griffith Graduate Research School, the Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor will approve the Chancellor's Awards, for presentation at the July graduation ceremony.