

2012 PREMIER'S AWARD FOR
HEALTH & MEDICAL RESEARCH
AND THE JACK & ROBERT SMORGON FAMILIES AWARD

*Recognising achievement by
Victoria's early career health
and medical researchers*

Application Guide

Applications close 5pm (AEDT), Wednesday 21 March 2012



The Premier's Award for Health and Medical Research

Victoria plays a leading role in health and medical research in Australia. The Premier's Award for Health and Medical Research (Premier's Award) is presented annually to recognise the exceptional contributions made by early career health and medical researchers in their PhD studies.

Applicants may be undertaking research in any field of health or medical research including public health, health services, basic, applied or clinical research and health-related technology. The award is intended for individuals who would normally be approximately two years into their candidature; it is not intended for individuals with an established research career.

The Award is a joint initiative of the Government of Victoria and the Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR).

The winner of the Premier's Award in each year receives a trophy and certificate plus \$16,000 to further develop the recipient's career in health or medical research.

Three additional prizes are presented to applicants who are highly commended by the judging panel.

These prizes each comprise of a certificate and a cheque for \$8,000 to further the development of the recipient's career in health or medical research.

The Premier's Award is administered by the Department of Business and Innovation (DBI) in conjunction with the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE).

The Jack and Robert Smorgon Families Award

The Jack & Robert Smorgon Families Foundation has established the \$30,000 Jack & Robert Smorgon Families Award. The Award is presented annually to the Victorian research

institute (with tax deductible status) associated with the winner of the Premier's Award.

The Award shall be used to further the research and development work of the winner of the Premier's Award, as agreed with the Foundation. If this is not practicable, the Award shall be used for purposes to be negotiated with the Foundation.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Premier's Award for Health and Medical Research, all applicants must meet one of the following criteria.

- **Either:**
 - i) a current PhD student (at least 24 months into candidature), resident in Victoria, who is conducting original research into a health or medical research topic at an approved institution associated with a Victorian university in Victoria*. Applicants must have evidence of appropriate enrolment on or after 15 March 2011;
- or**
- ii) a postgraduate who has completed a PhD course that included a major research project in a health or medical research topic at an approved institution associated with a Victorian university in Victoria*. The university's initial letter advising the applicant that he/she have fulfilled all the requirements of a PhD must have been issued between 1 January 2010 and 19 March 2012;
- or**
- iii) a PhD student who is currently or who was resident in Victoria while attending an approved institution associated with a Victorian university, and conducting original research into a health or medical research topic at an approved institution associated with a Victorian university in Victoria* but fails to meet the requirements of either a(i) or a(ii)

above, may be deemed eligible at the discretion of the Manager, ICT Skills Policy & Programs and DBI.

Such applicants must:

- meet the requirements of either b(i) or b(ii) (below), and
- submit, with their application, a record of their full enrolment history as a PhD student, including annual enrolment, date of thesis submission (if relevant) and any other pertinent information.

And

- must be:
 - i) an Australian and/or New Zealand citizen;

or

- ii) a permanent resident of Australia.

*If a PhD Student or a postgraduate is based at a Victorian university/approved institution and carries out some research outside Victoria, he/she may be eligible for this Award.

Notes:

- Eligible persons may apply as often as they wish.
- Previous Premier's Awards prize recipients, including winners and those who have been highly commended by the judging panel, are not eligible.
- Applicants should note that the Award is not intended for individuals with an established research career.
- For the purposes of this award:
 - Health or medical research means quantitative or qualitative research pertinent to health or medical research in all fields including public health, health services, basic, applied and clinical research, or health-related technology research.
 - An approved institution means any Victorian university.

Application Requirements

Applications must be submitted using the Premier's Award for Health and Medical Research 2012 Application Form, available from the Premier's Award for Health and Medical Research website -

www.business.vic.gov.au/premiersaward.

One PDF of single-sided, signed original Premier's Award for Health and Medical Research 2012 Application Form is to be submitted via email, using:

- 12 point font;
- double spaced; and
- on A4 paper.

Please ensure all copies of documents are clearly legible and where required certified by an appropriate person.

The following **must** be included:

- The title of the PhD research project
- a PhD research project report - a full description (maximum 1200 words) of the PhD research project highlighting its importance and contribution to health or medical research
- a non-technical title for the PhD research project (maximum 55 characters including spaces) that is understandable by the general public. This title will be used in communicating the work of the award winners to the general public
- an abstract - a short paragraph (maximum 200 words) explaining the PhD research project and its importance in non-technical terms, understandable by the lay public. The abstract should clearly indicate the impact of the research on health outcomes
- the names and contact details of three referees - one of which must be the Head of Department or Institute where the PhD research project was undertaken (refer to section on Referee Reports for further details on page 5 of this Guide).

- A curriculum vitae of no more than two pages (12 point font – spacing as required)
- A list of publications and knowledge transfer recording outcomes arising directly from the PhD research project, including:
 - a complete list of any publications; and/or
 - evidence of research and research-related knowledge transfer; and/or
 - any commercial (eg patent), clinical practice, public health or policy outcomes; and
 - where applicable, include:
 - a brief description of contribution to each published work;
 - rank of journal in field.
- as appropriate, a list of publications and knowledge transfer recording outcomes which did not arise from the PhD research project:
 - a complete list of any publications; and/or evidence of research and research related knowledge transfer; and/or
 - any commercial (eg patent), clinical practice, public health or policy outcomes; and
 - where applicable, include:
 - a brief description of contribution to each published work;
 - rank of journal in field.

One PDF copy of each of the following should be attached to the application:

- LEGALLY CERTIFIED* copy of confirmation of enrolment for a PhD on or after 15 March 2011;

or

- LEGALLY CERTIFIED copy of the University's letter formally advising the applicant that he/she have fulfilled all the requirements of

a PhD. This letter must have been issued by the University between 1 January 2010 and 19 March 2012.

AND

- LEGALLY CERTIFIED evidence of Australian citizenship or permanent resident status (eg. birth certificate or relevant pages of passport indicating citizenship or permanent resident status);
- SIGNED statutory declaration (page 5 of the Application Form).

Please **do not send originals** of proof of enrolment and citizenship or immigration status as we are unable to return them.

Applications which do not provide all the required information will be deemed **ineligible**.

*See Statutory Declaration on page 5 of the Application Form for a list of person empowered to legally certify documents.

Lodgement

The closing date for applications is:

**5.00 pm (AEDT)
Wednesday 21 March 2012**

- Applications received after this date will **not** be considered.
- Receipt of application will be acknowledged via email by COB Thursday 22 March 2012.

A **signed PDF** application should be sent via email to:

2012 Premier's Award for Health and Medical Research
Email: pahmr@atse.org.au

Or Mail to:

2012 Premier’s Award for Health and Medical Research

GPO Box 4055,
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Or lodge by hand at:

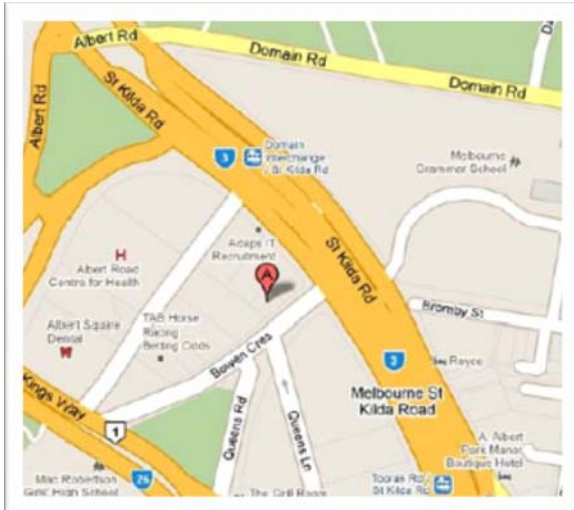
ATSE

Level 1

1 Bowen Crescent

MELBOURNE VICTORIA

Office hours: 9.00am to 5.00pm



Enquiries

If you have any queries concerning your application or the award program, please contact:

Lynn Pagoda (ATSE)

E-mail: pahmr@atse.org.au

Tel: +61 (0)3 9864 0911

FURTHER ADVICE

Referee Reports

Each application requires **three referee reports**.

One must be from the **Head of Department or Institute** where the PhD research project is being or was undertaken.

The *Referee Report* form can be found at www.business.vic.gov.au/premiersaward

Referee reports should be submitted by **2.00pm (AEDT), Wednesday 14 March 2012** to:

Lynn Pagoda (ATSE)

E-mail: pahmr@atse.org.au

Fax: +61 (0)3 9864 0930

Applicants will be advised by email on **Thursday 15 March 2012** of outstanding Referee Reports.

It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure their referees’ reports are submitted by the due date.

Referee reports received after 5.00pm (AEDT), Wednesday 21 March 2012 will **not** be considered by the judging panel.

Judging of the Award

Applications will be screened initially for eligibility by a representative of the Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR).

All eligible applications and referee reports will be considered by the judging panel.

Applicants who are deemed ineligible will be advised in writing. No correspondence will be entered into regarding applications deemed ineligible.

A panel of six will judge the applications. The judging panel will consist of:

- a nominee of the Premier;
- four leading members of the Victorian health and medical research community representing a broad range of public health and medical research fields; and

- a representative of ASMR.

The judging panel will assess applications on the quality of the research undertaken during the PhD research project as judged by measurable outcomes, such as:

- research publications;
- patent applications;
- adoption of findings or methods into clinical or public health practice;
- prizes;
- evidence of research and research-related knowledge transfer; and
- other evidence of national and international recognition.

Judges will also look for evidence of the applicant's creativity and autonomy in conducting the research.

The judging panel will forward their recommendations to the Premier for his endorsement.

All recommendations of the judging panel and the selection of Award recipients are final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the determinations and outcomes of the selection process.

Outcome

Successful applicants will be notified in May 2012 by mail and are required to advise in writing of their intention to accept the award within *seven* days of receipt of notification.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in May 2012. All applicants will be invited to the presentation ceremony.

Winner Commitments

The winner/s and commendees of the 2012 Premier's Award for Health and Medical Research are:

- Expected to be available for the presentation ceremony during the ASMR Medical Research Week (1-8 June 2012);

- Required to attend media training and photography sessions during April or May 2012;
- For the two years following receipt of the award, required to provide a one-page written report explaining how their careers in health or medical research have benefited from the Award with the first report submitted before 12 April 2013 and the second report before 11 April 2014.

Winners are also encouraged to attend the ASMR Victorian Medical Research Week Dinner in June 2012.

Contact details

It is the responsibility of applicants to advise of any change in contact details from those submitted on the application form.

Any changes should be forwarded, as soon as possible to:

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E-mail: pahmr@atse.org.au
Tel: +61 (0)3 9864 0911

Important dates

DATE	
8 February 2012	Applications open
14 March 2012	Referee reports due
21 March 2012	Applications close
May 2012	Outcome letters sent
1 – 8 June 2012	Awards Ceremony/ ASMR Medical Research Week

2012 PAHMR ELIGIBILITY MATRIX

