

Heart Foundation Research Medal for Lifetime Contribution to Cardiovascular Research

Guidelines for nominations

The Heart Foundation Research Medal for Lifetime Contribution to Cardiovascular Research (also known as the Heart Foundation Research Medal) recognises outstanding contribution to the fields of heart, stroke and blood vessel disease research in Australia over a sustained period. Recipients of this award exemplify research excellence and represent the best in their field with national and international recognition.

The Heart Foundation Research Medal will be presented every two years to an individual who has had a lifetime of outstanding achievements in cardiovascular research and has served as a role model through service, research and teaching. In general, the recipient of this award must have had a career spanning at least 20 years. Up to two Heart Foundation Research Medals may be awarded in a nomination cycle.

A candidate may be nominated an unlimited number of times by different individuals in the same year. The Award Committee will assess the candidates' overall scientific, teaching and service contributions to the field of cardiovascular research and to the Heart Foundation.

The winner of this prestigious award will be presented with the Heart Foundation Research Medal at a suitable occasion. The award winner will also be recognised via the Heart Foundation's communication channels, including publications (e.g. Annual Report and newsletters), website and social media. The award consists of a medal, as well as travel and expenses for the recipient and spouse to the award ceremony.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates for the Heart Foundation Research Medal must clearly demonstrate each of the following criteria:

- Candidate must hold Australian Citizenship
- Candidate has received national recognition of their research (awards, invited presentations)
- Candidate has published articles in peer-reviewed journals
- It is also preferable that the candidate has some involvement with the National Heart Foundation of Australia at the local or national level within the last five years, and/or a history of contributions to NHFA's goals and objectives

NOMINATION PROCESS

The process for the Heart Foundation Research Medal will be as follows:

- Nominations for the Heart Foundation Research Medal must include the following:
 - Curriculum vitae, including a list of publications
 - A completed nomination form
 - Two supporting letters from individuals who are familiar with the candidate's contribution to the field of cardiovascular research and service to the Heart Foundation
- Individuals may be nominated an unlimited number of times, but may receive this award only once.

- Nominations will be considered for two consecutive nomination cycles with the approval of the candidates. The candidate must provide an updated curriculum vitae for the second nomination cycle, however additional letters of support are not required.
- Nominations will be considered by a committee, consisting of:
 - Chair of the Heart Foundation Cardiovascular Health Advisory Committee (CVHAC)
 - Chair of the Heart Foundation Research Committee
 - Heart Foundation CEO – National
 - Heart Foundation Chief Medical Officer
 - Heart Foundation National Director – Research
- The recommendations of the committee must be ratified by the Heart Foundation National Board before the award recipient is finalised.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Nominations must include two supporting letters from individuals who are familiar with the candidate's contribution to the field of cardiovascular research and service to the Heart Foundation.

Each letter must address each of the major award eligibility criteria (outlined above) and indicate what distinguishes the candidate with regard to each criterion. As a guide, each letter should be 1–2 pages in length.

It will be helpful if the letters of support could also include:

- The interactions the supporter has had with the candidate
- The standing of the candidate in his/her field
- The impact of the candidate's research to reducing suffering and death from heart, stroke or blood vessel disease in Australia

SENDING DOCUMENTATION

Nominations must be received by COB on **30 January 2015**. All documentation should be sent electronically, preferably as .pdf files to research@heartfoundation.org.au

Please ensure the documentation includes:

- Completed nomination form
- Two letters of support
- Curriculum vitae, including a list of publications

MORE INFORMATION

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