The University of Western Australia

Awards for Excellence in Research Publications

There is general acceptance of the principle of rewarding quality research output, and of the acknowledged practical difficulties of implementing a broad-scale system for such recognition.

The Awards for Excellence in Research Publications feature a simple mechanism to recognise quality research publications. The objective of the awards is to encourage and promote excellence in publishing through dissemination in high quality journals and other publication forms. This scheme complements existing institutional endeavours to recognise distinguished achievement. Recipient(s) will receive their awards at a ceremony hosted by the Vice-Chancellor.

The Awards are determined in the context of the annual publications submission process. There are two categories of award. To be eligible publications must have at least one author who has a clear UWA affiliation.

For the inaugural submission, there will be no special considerations for early career researchers, however, it is envisaged that future awards might include recognition of research publications of early career researchers.

1. **Category A: Journal Articles, Book Chapters and Conference Papers (C, B, E)**
   (i) There are three areas of award matching those of the Publications Audit Subcommittee:
      (a) Humanities and Social Sciences
      (b) Biological and Medical Sciences
      (c) Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering.
   (ii) There is one award in each area. The value of the award is $1000.
   (iii) Nominations for the awards are made by Heads of Department at the time of lodging their annual publications submission, with a maximum of one nomination per department or research centre. The written arguments made by Heads in support of their nominations should be based on the following:
      (a) impact/significance of the publication
      (b) quality of the "venue" of the publication, ie the quality and status of the journal, book publisher, conference as suggested, for example by rejection rates, impact factors, status of the editorial board. Copies of referee reports/reviews should be included.
   (iv) Recommendations of award recipients would be determined by the Publications Audit Sub-committee, for endorsement by the Research Committee.

2. **Category B: Books (A)**
   (i) There is one award. There would be no specification of area for this award. There would be no nominations for this award; all books in UWA Category A would be eligible.
   (ii) The value of the award is $1000.
   (iii) Recommendations of the award recipient would be determined by the PVC(R) and Publications Audit Sub-committee convener for endorsement by the Research Committee.