

## Division of Humanities Research Awards

Applications are invited for the Division of Humanities awards for excellence and innovation in Research. As well as recognising outstanding research productivity, these awards are intended to encourage innovative applications of research activity. Up to five awards will be made under the following headings:

- Research Productivity
- Research Academic Impact
- Research Non-Academic Engagement
- Research Initiative
- Humanities Research Benefit Statement

For descriptions of these headings, please see: [Humanities Research Awards – descriptions](#)

Awards will be made for the best entries (not necessarily one for each heading). The awards are open to continuing, casual, adjunct, and general staff of the Division of Humanities. Applicants should nominate themselves. Please note however that those who won Divisional Research awards in 2007 may not apply under the same heading this year, but may apply under other headings.

Successful applicants will receive a certificate and an award of \$1000 available to be used for activities that promote research, including marking or teaching relief and conference travel (these funds must be spent in 2008).

### Humanities Research Awards – descriptions.

- **Research Productivity:** this award recognises high productivity and success in the main categories of research activity that attract external funding. Applicants should outline their achievements against three categories of research activity:
  - publications (DEST publication categories A1, A2 etc.)
  - grants held and won throughout the period
  - HDR supervisions and completions.

The application should be in the form of a list; no supporting text is required.

Maximum one A4 page, 12 font.

Period of evidence: 2007-2008.

- **Research Academic Impact:** this award recognises research that has been recognised as making a major contribution to its academic field and/or adjacent fields of research. Applicants should:
  - briefly outline the nature of one or more research topics
  - give details of the dissemination of the research (e.g. publication, conference, grant application)
  - identify the novelty of its finding and explain its significance within the field
  - and provide testimony recognising both the work's quality and its significance.

Examples of testimony might include published reviews, citations and discussions of the work in publications or conferences, and other peer-based evidence (not personal testimonials).

Descriptions should be in terms clear to the non-specialist.

Maximum one A4 page, 12 font, with no more than three pages of supporting evidence (including testimony).

Period of evidence: 2002-2008.

- **Research Non-Academic Engagement:** this award highlights research that has been valued and used outside strictly academic contexts. Applicants should outline how one or more non-university, non-academic body has engaged with their research and has in turn used it for their own purposes. Engagement may include formal collaboration/industry linkage, but is not restricted to it; the nature of the engagement need not be financial. Some examples of engagement by a non-academic body might include e.g. involvement with government bodies or education boards, with creative artists or writers, or major participation in a Writer's Festival or History Week panel. Tell a story: "My research has benefited [ ] in these ways [ ], as shown by [ ]."

Maximum one A4 page, 12 font, with no more than three pages of supporting evidence (demonstrating use of research by the external body).

Period of evidence: 2001-2007.

- **Research Initiative:** this award recognises the importance of Humanities research publications that are not externally funded but are produced as part of regular academic duties and workload. Applicants should list their publications for the period (DEST publication categories A1, A2 etc.), produced while not holding external or university grants, with a description (up to 100 words) of the significance and impact of each.

Maximum one A4 page, 12 font.

Period of evidence: 2004-2008.

- **Humanities Research Benefit Statement:** this award encourages Humanities researchers to consider the benefit of our disciplinary research to the wider community. Applicants should write a statement outlining in what ways research in either their discipline (languages, history, literature, politics, etc.) or Humanities as a whole is of benefit to Australian society. Be specific: define the discipline and its field of research, identify the beneficiaries (e.g. is the benefit felt at a regional, national, or international level? what particular section or function of society benefits – democratic processes, ethnic group interaction, school education? is the benefit immediate or long-term? what is the nature of the benefit – DEST now classifies research as having "social, economic, environmental, and cultural" impacts, but can the nature of the benefit be more accurately defined?). Provide real examples to substantiate your case but address the benefit provided by the discipline as a whole, not just by one specific research project. Write for a non-academic audience; you may want to cast your statement as a submission to government.

Maximum two A4 pages (750 words), 12 font.

Please note that all submissions will be retained by the Associate Dean - Research and may be used (with appropriate acknowledgement) for future Divisional purposes.

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### **Selection Committee**

The submissions will be assessed by Associate Professor Michael Roberts (a/Dean), Professor Angela Woollacott (Chair, Early Career Research Panel), and Dr Andrew Gillett (Associate Dean - Research).

### **Applications**

Submissions should be lodged with Carlene Kirvan (W6A 222) by 10 October and will be awarded at the Divisional meeting on 21 October.