Guidelines for the
Faculty of Science & Engineering
PVC’s Awards for Research Excellence

For 2012, the Pro Vice-Chancellor Awards for Research Excellence will include the following categories: Early Career Researcher (ECR) Award, Researcher of the Year Award and a Lifetime Achievement Award. A brief outline of these different categories of awards is given below. The nomination form is given on the following page. Please note that the deadline for applications is 5 pm on 23 November 2012.

Lifetime Achievement Award ($5,000)
This award recognises sustained research excellence and is aimed at acknowledging the contributions of senior researchers who have demonstrated a contribution to research excellence at Curtin over a number of years.

Researcher of the Year Award ($3,000)
The Researcher of the Year Award specifically recognises research excellence throughout 2012. The award is open to all researchers (including ECRs) and will be awarded to the researcher that the assessment panel believes has made the most outstanding contribution to the Faculty’s research achievements over the past year.

Early Career Researcher Award ($2000)
For the purposes of this award, the ECR is defined as a researcher within 5 years of obtaining their Ph.D. (on 31 Dec 2012). The award is given for research excellence throughout the whole career of the ECR to date (up to 5 years). However, the assessment panel will endeavour to assess applications with respect to opportunity and ECR from recently completed Ph.D. to 5 years out of Ph.D. are encouraged to apply.

Assessment Criteria

The criteria that will be assessed for the awards will include the usual research metrics (publications, grant success, HDR completions etc). However, the assessment panel will also consider contribution to research discipline and esteem factors in their decision.