This form is to be used by supervisors or suitably qualified academic staff members to make nominations to the Office of Graduate Research (OGR) for the HDR Student Research Impact Prize. A maximum of two prizes across the University will be awarded each year. The prize consists of a certificate, a record on the awardee’s academic transcript and $1,000. The following information outlines the terms and conditions, process for nomination and timeline for the award of the prize

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| ELIGIBILITY |

* A doctoral student must have had their degree awarded in the year prior to the year of the prize (for example completion approved in 2024)
* PhD by Prior Published Work and Higher Doctorate students are not eligible for consideration of this prize.
* A student will have received recommendations from two external examiners that the degree should be awarded without amendments to the thesis, or with minor or major amendments to the thesis (A, B or C examination determinations).
* A student should be nominated for the Prize by one of their supervisors or another suitably qualified academic staff member.
* A student must write a statement for the selection committee outlining how they meet the criteria (maximum of one page). Supplementary evidence may also be submitted.
* The selection committee must receive a reference from a stakeholder external to the university who can validate the impact and quality of the student’s research.

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| CRITERIA |

The nomination must address all of the following points:

* Research impact, in terms of actual and potential adoption/translation or application by government, educational and community organisations, industry and/or business.
* International and/or national recognition of the research undertaken during the candidature.
* Verified demonstration of making a difference to society and culture through research.
* Publications throughout the candidature or publication equivalents and other appropriate research outputs (for example, patents, exhibitions, performances and other creative works). Unrelated publications will not be considered.
* Other recognition for the quality of research undertaken during the candidature (for example, prizes and awards conferred, recognition by professional organisations, invitations to prestigious conferences).

*The points above will be considered in the context of the student's project and/or discipline.*

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| CLOSING DATE |

Nominations must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Research ([hdr.exams@flinders.edu.au](mailto:hdr.exams@flinders.edu.au?subject=HDR%20Student%20Research%20Impact%20Prize%20)) by **4.02.2025. 5pm**

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| PROCEDURES AND TIMELINE |

The Office of Graduate Research will call for nominations each year in January by emailing supervisors and students. The selection committee will comprise voting members of the University Higher Degrees by Research Committee (UHDRC), which includes but is not limited to the Dean of Graduate Research, HDR Coordinators from each College and two HDR student representatives. The UHDRC will refer up to two nominations for the prize to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) for consideration.

* Office of Graduate Research calls for nominations from supervisors and students **January 2025**
* Nominations to be submitted to Office of Graduate Research **04 Feb 2025 by 5pm**
* Nominations considered by the University Higher Degrees by Research Committee **February 2025**
* Winners notified **March 2025**
* Celebration ceremony for all awardees **April/May 2025**

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| CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS |

The selection committee will also consider the following when making a determination:

* Efficacy of the case made by the student, supervisor and external referee.
* Presentation of the actual and future value of the research.
* Confirmation of the contribution of the research to Flinders University and lifting the profile of the institution.
* Demonstration of how the research has been disseminated locally, nationally and internationally
* Clarity of the evidence submitted.

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| MORE INFORMATION |

Please contact the HDR Exams team for any queries.

Email: [hdr.exams@flinders.edu.au](mailto:hdr.exams@flinders.edu.au?subject=HDR%20Student%20Research%20Impact%20Prize)

Phone: 8201 5961

Website: <https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/hdr/events-and-awards>

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| STUDENT DETAILS |

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| **College** | Choose an item. |
| **Student’s current email**  (if known) |  |

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| OUTCOME OF EXAMINATION and THESIS |

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| **Examiner recommendation 1** |  |
| **Examination recommendation 2** |  |

The nominator should address the following criteria:

1. **Research impact, in terms of actual and potential adoption/translation or application by government, educational and community organisations, industry and/or business.**

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1. **International and/or national recognition of the research undertaken during the candidature.**

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1. **Demonstration of making a difference to society and culture through research.**

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1. **Publications throughout the candidature or publication equivalents and other appropriate research outputs (for example, patents, exhibitions, performances, media coverage, journalism and other creative works). Unrelated publications will not be considered.**

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1. **Other recognition for the quality of research undertaken during the candidature (for example, prizes and awards conferred, recognition by professional organisations, invitations to prestigious conferences).**

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1. **Any other general comments (the points above will be considered relative to the student's project and/or discipline).**

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| Nominated by supervisor/qualified academic staff member |

I endorse the nomination of this student for the HDR Student Research Impact Prize.

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| **Signature** |  | **Date** |  |

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| CHECKLIST |

Nomination signed by supervisor/Academic staff member.

Statement from student attached (max 1 page)

External stakeholder reference attached.