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 |

To be considered, nominees must meet the following criteria:

* Hold a doctoral degree awarded in the previous year *(e.g., completion approved in 2025 for award in 2026)*.
* Be nominated by a supervisor or another suitably qualified academic staff member.
* Receive recommendations from two external examiners that the degree should be awarded without amendments to the thesis, or with minor/major amendments *(A, B, or C examination determinations).*
* Demonstrated exceptional research quality and impact of research in multiple areas.
* Have an ORCID number (provide link).
* Have a reference from a stakeholder external to the university who can validate the impact and quality of the graduate’s research.

Note: PhD by Prior Published Work and Higher Doctorate students are **not** eligible.

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| consideration of criteria |

The University Higher Degree by Research Committee will review the responses in the nomination form, the graduate’s research impact statement, and the external reference as part of the evaluation process.

Supervisor’s Key areas for consideration as outlined in the form below:

* Research impact, in terms of adoption/translation by government, educational institutions, community organizations, industry, or business.
* International/national recognition of the research during the candidature.
* 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, media coverage, journalism and other creative works). Unrelated publications will not be considered.
* Additional recognition for research quality, such as prizes, awards, invitations to prestigious conferences, or professional acknowledgments.

In addition, the graduate’s Research Impact Statement should provide a broad 300-word summary of their research and its significance. It should aim to demonstrate the following:

* Research outputs since completing the PhD, provide [ORCID ID](https://staff.flinders.edu.au/research/researchnow/research-profiles/create-and-link-orcid) (including publications, patents, exhibitions).
* Attribution of the research to Flinders University and lifting the profile of the Institution.
* Evidence of Industry engagement.
* Actual and or potential value of the research (in monetary or non-monetary terms).

Note**:** The above points will be assessed in the context of the graduate’s project and discipline.

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| APPLICATION |

A completed application will include:

* The Nomination form completed by supervisor or suitably qualified academic staff member.
* A Research Impact Statement written by the graduate *(maximum 300 words)*. Supplementary evidence may also be provided.
* A reference from an external stakeholder validating the impact and quality of their research.

Guidance for Research Impact Statement

Nominees are encouraged to access the [**Research and Employability Skills Training (REST) Program**](https://canvas.flinders.edu.au/courses/17970)using their FAN. The **Research Impact module** in the *Engagement and Impact* section covers:

* How to demonstrate, communicate, and provide evidence of the societal and economic value of research.

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| PROCEDURES AND TIMELINE |

The Office of Graduate Research will call for nominations each year in December 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 Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research, Training & Capabilities) and 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 **Nov/December 2025**
* Nominations to be submitted to Office of Graduate Research **30 January 2026 by 5pm**
* Nominations considered by the University Higher Degrees by Research Committee **February 2026**
* Winners notified **March 2026**
* Celebration ceremony for all awardees **May/June 2026**

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| MORE INFORMATION |

Please contact the HDR Exams team for any queries.

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Phone: 8201 5961

Website: <https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/hdr/hdr-student-research-impact-prize>

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| GRADuate DETAILS |

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| **Graduate Name** |  |
| **Student ID** |  |
| **College** | Choose an item. |
| **Graduate’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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| **Name** |  | | |
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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.