

Guidelines for Best HDR Student Publication Award



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The 'Best HDR Student Publication' is an initiative of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). Awards will be made to students selected by each College. The value of each award will be \$1,000.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an HDR student of Flinders University with an enrolment status of Enrolled, Leave of Absence or Under Examination as at the date the publication is accepted.
- The publication must be based on research conducted during, and be a part of, the HDR program.
- The Applicant must be the major contributing author of the publication.
- The publication must have Flinders University as the Applicant's affiliation.
- The student must have a valid ORCID Number¹.

PROCEDURE

- Students should submit one publication to their Dean (Research).
- Each College will establish its own internal deadline for submissions.
- Each submitted publication will be reviewed according to a general review process (judging criteria below).
- Each College will select its winner(s).
- Winners will be submitted by the College to the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Training and Capabilities) and Dean of Graduate Research via email to hdr.progression@flinders.edu.au on or before 5pm on Friday, 4th December 2026.
- The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Training and Capabilities) and Dean of Graduate Research will award the 'Best HDR Student Publication' at an appropriate celebration.

¹ If you don't have an ORCID ID read more [here](#) and please register [here](#).

SUBMISSION

Publication Criteria:

- The accepted publication must be a peer-reviewed journal publication (in a Q1 journal²), a refereed conference publication, a refereed book chapter (not book reviews), or an authored refereed book.
- The publication must have been published between **1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026**.

Submission Requirements:

- A copy of the publication.
- A brief summary (strictly no more than 250 words³) highlighting the significance and impact of the research presented in the publication.
- A brief statement of recommendation on the publication (strictly no more than 250 words³) from the principal supervisor.
- A completed Publication Summary Table (please use the appropriate table for your application).

Journal publication	
Full Citation	
Manuscript DOI	
Journal Impact Factor, Quartile and Scimago Journal Rank	
Publication Citations (as appears in <i>ResearchNow</i>)	
AltMetrics Score (as appears in <i>ResearchNow</i>).	
Date of First Publication (as appears under 'Publication Status' in <i>ResearchNow</i>)	
Student's ORCID	

Refereed Conference Publication	
Full Citation	
Short statement on the esteem of the conference (strictly no more than 100 words ³)	
Publication Citations (as appears in <i>ResearchNow</i>)	
AltMetrics Score (as appears in <i>ResearchNow</i>)	
Date of First Publication (as appears under 'Publication Status' in <i>ResearchNow</i>)	
Student's ORCID	

² In fields of research where there are no Q1 journals, the College will be required to demonstrate why the journal is equivalent to Q1. This will be provided as a separate statement and not be counted towards the application word count.

³ Applications that exceed the word limit will be ruled ineligible, without exception.

Refereed Book Chapter	
Full Citation	
Short statement on the esteem of the book/publisher (strictly no more than 100 words ³)	
Publication Citations (as appears in <i>ResearchNow</i>)	
AltMetrics Score (as appears in <i>ResearchNow</i>)	
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Refereed Book	
Full Citation	
Short statement on the esteem of the book/publisher (strictly no more than 100 words ³)	
Publication Citations (as appears in <i>ResearchNow</i>)	
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JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging Criteria:

- **Significance:** Novelty and innovation of the research.
- **Prestige:** The prestige and quality of the publication and the outlet.
- **Impact:** Contribution to the field and potential real-world applications.

AWARDS

- Each award is to the value of \$1,000, payable to the awardee via electronic funds transfer.
- One award will be available to the Colleges of:
 - Health & Enablement
 - Business, Creative Arts, Law & Social Sciences
- Two awards to the Colleges of:
 - Science and Engineering
 - Medicine & Public Health
 - Human Sciences & Culture

(The number of awards in each College reflects the numbers of HDR students in the Colleges).

COLLEGE CONTACT EMAILS FOR APPLICATIONS

College of Medicine and Public Health - CMPH.research@flinders.edu.au

College of Human Sciences & Culture - CHSC.research@flinders.edu.au

College of Health & Enablement – CHE.research@flinders.edu.au

College of Business, Creative Arts, Law & Social Sciences – CBCLS.research@flinders.edu.au

College of Science and Engineering – CSE.research@flinders.edu.au