



UOW 2011 Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research Supervision

Nomination Process and Guidelines

What is the Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research Supervision?

Research supervisors are nominated by present and past Higher Degree Research Students. The Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research Supervision recognises on-going commitment and dedication to successful research student supervision. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$4,000 and will be formally acknowledged at a University ceremony.

Why should you nominate your supervisor?

If your higher degree research supervisor is enthusiastic about your research; assists you to acquire additional skills and knowledge relevant to your research; includes you in the academic life of the department; is responsive to your particular needs (eg. if you are working, a part-time student, a parent, different cultural background); is open to communication at times other than those formally specified; is supportive at all times (the good and the bad days along the rocky road of research), helps students obtain good positions after graduations and meets with you on a regular basis at a mutually convenient time and considers his/her research students as colleagues in the research effort, then you have one outstanding supervisor on your hands!

Please don't keep this knowledge to yourself, but share it with the wider University community by nominating your research supervisor for the Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research Supervision.

Who is eligible?

All UOW academic staff formally supervising higher degree research students are eligible to be nominated. Individual or group nominations may be made by either, one or more, past or present students or by an academic colleague.

How to nominate

Complete the attached Nomination Form, Questionnaire and provide a one page testimonial (Nomination form and Questionnaire also available from the Research Student Centre, Ground Floor, Building 20).

Closing date for nominations is Friday, 4th March 2011.

Who do I send my nomination to?

Please forward your nominations to:

Lindy Darling
HDR Events Officer
Research Student Centre
University of Wollongong NSW 2500



2011 Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research Supervision Nomination Form

Nominated Research Supervisor Information:

Name of Supervisor:	
Faculty/Unit:	
Nominator's name:	Email:
Degree:	

Step 1 – A one-page testimonial

Each nominator must attach a testimonial (no more than 1 page) to this form explaining why you think your higher degree research supervisor deserves to be 'Supervisor of the Year'. Clearly identify the attributes, attitudes and behaviours of your supervisor that inspired you to make the nomination providing examples where appropriate. Also indicate the frequency of meetings, time spent discussing research and type of communication or feedback that your supervisor provides.

Nominator's signature:

Date:

Step 2 – Please complete the attached Questionnaire

QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT YOUR SUPERVISOR

<i>Please indicate in the circle provided</i>						
My Supervisor:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided/Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
Assists me to acquire additional skills and knowledge relevant to my research	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Gives me sufficient support in defining my topic	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Is responsive to my particular needs (eg. Work commitments, a part-time student, a parent, different cultural background)	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Is open to communication at times other than those formally specified	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Is supportive at all times (the good and the bad days along the rocky road of research)	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Meets with me on a regular basis at a mutually convenient time	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Gives me sufficient support in planning my research work	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Gives me sufficient support in doing literature searches	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Gives me sufficient support in planning and writing my thesis	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Gives me helpful feedback when I submit written material	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Encourages me to publish my work	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Encourages me to present conference papers	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Provides advice on issues such as IP, confidentiality, research ethics	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Provides expert advice on my area of research	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Provides advice on the standard and structure required of my thesis and the thesis examination process	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA
Provides encouragement and opportunities to be involved in a broader research culture	SD	D	U	A	SA	NA

Have you attached your testimonial?

Nomination forms, completed Questionnaire and one page testimonial should be placed in an envelope and marked 'Confidential' and addressed to Lindy Darling, Research Student Centre, Bldg 20.

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