

**Faculty of Health**  
**PhD Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research**  
**Policy and Procedures**

**Title**

The Faculty of Health PhD Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research

**Purpose**

The purpose of the award is to acknowledge excellence in research performed by PhD students within the Faculty of Health. It is intended to recognize a PhD student who has demonstrated the potential to become an independent researcher.

**Award Recognition**

- The recipient will receive a certificate at the Professional and Research Education Group (PREP) Graduate Research Day
- \$500 cash award
- A platform presentation at the PREP Graduate Research Day in the year of the award

**Eligibility**

1. All graduate students registered in the previous 11 months in the PhD Health and PhD Nursing.
2. PhD students must have completed their dissertation proposal, data collection and at least a preliminary analysis of their data that would constitute an original conference presentation.
3. IDPhD Students must be supervised or co-supervised by a faculty member in the FoH.
4. Applicants must have submitted an abstract for either a platform or poster presentation for the annual PREP Graduate Research Day (normally held in May).
5. Previous winners of the PhD award are NOT eligible to apply.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Applications will be reviewed on the basis of;

- The scientific merit of the research submitted
- Evidence within the supporting documents that the student has the potential to become an independent researcher.

**Application Process**

Students with a submitted platform or poster abstract for the PREP Graduate Research Day will be invited by the Director – Research Services to submit the following documentation to the Selection Committee:

- The PREP abstract
- A CV
- A letter of support from your supervisor/co-supervisor (max 2 pages) indicating your potential to become an independent researcher. The letter MUST confirm that eligibility requirements 1 and 2 above have been met.
- Any published papers, conference proceedings or abstracts and relevant reports to external agencies you are named on (max. 8)
- A short cover letter (max. 2 pages) summarizing your dissertation research

**Selection Committee**

Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Faculty of Health Research Committee and will be chaired by the Associate Dean Research or an alternate designated by the Associate Dean. The Committee will comprise a minimum of three Committee representatives including the Chair.