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# THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIZES FOR SCIENCE



## 2013 PRIME MINISTER'S PRIZES FOR SCIENCE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**First stage of nominations closes at 5.00 pm AEDT on 14 March 2013**

The **Prime Minister's Prizes for Science** are Australia's most prestigious annual awards for outstanding achievement in science research and for excellence in science education.


The five awards are:

- The Prime Minister's Prize for Science (\$300 000);
- The Science Minister's Prize for Life Scientist of the Year (\$50 000);
- The Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year (\$50 000);
- The Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools (\$50 000); and
- The Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools (\$50 000)


The awards are presented by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Science and Research at a black-tie dinner held in the Great Hall of Parliament House in Canberra.

The first stage for nominations is now open. Nominees must be Australian citizens or hold permanent resident status in Australia.

### The Prime Minister's Prize for Science

- The Prime Minister's Prize for Science is awarded for an outstanding specific achievement or series of related achievements in any area of science advancing human welfare or benefitting society.
- There are no restrictions as to when the achievement was accomplished, however nominees must be currently active in research.
-  Past recipients of the Malcolm McIntosh Prize or the Science Minister's Prize are eligible to be nominated and considered for this award, subject to other eligibility criteria being met.
- Nominees can be an individual or a group of up to four, if the achievement is a collaborative team effort.
- The award comprises an award certificate, a gold medallion, lapel pin and a cash prize of A\$300 000.

### The Science Minister's Prize for Life Scientist of the Year and the Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year

- The Science Minister's Prize and the Malcolm McIntosh Prize recognise achievements of scientists at an early-mid stage of their research careers that advances, or has the potential to advance, human welfare or benefits society.
- These Prizes aim to demonstrate that early-mid stage career achievement in science can be of world-class importance.
- Nominations are open to individuals only.
-  To be eligible, nominees must provide evidence of outstanding research achieved within a period of not more than ten years of full time equivalent research activity, including research conducted as part of studies for a Master's degree or PhD.
- At least four years of a nominee's research career must be spent in Australia.
- Each award comprises an award certificate, a silver medallion, lapel pin and a cash prize of A\$50 000.



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## Prime Minister's Prizes for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools and in Secondary Schools

- These Prizes, introduced in 2002, are awarded in recognition of contributions by science teachers in their commitment and dedication to effective and creative science teaching.
- Nominations are open to individual teachers only.
- **New** The A\$50 000 cash component of each of the Science Teaching Prizes will be shared equally between the recipient and the school in which the recipient was teaching at the time of nomination. The school's share of the cash prize is to be used to finance a project or projects that will improve the school's capacity to teach science. Following the award presentation, the recipient's school submits a proposal for the project(s) for approval by the Department.
- In addition to the equal share of the cash prize, the teacher recipient receives an award certificate, a silver medallion and lapel pin.

## Nomination Process

Nominations are open to Australian citizens or to those who hold permanent resident status in Australia. Nomination Guidelines outlining full details on eligibility for the Prizes and the online nomination process can be found on the Science Prizes website: <http://www.innovation.gov.au/scienceprizes>. For further information, email: [pmprize@innovation.gov.au](mailto:pmprize@innovation.gov.au)

**New**

**Nominations for the Prizes will be conducted in two stages.**

**Stage 1 for nominations closes at 5.00 pm on AEDT 2013. Only shortlisted nominations will be invited to submit a detailed nomination in Stage 2 of the process. Stage 2 for nominations closes at 4.00 pm AEST on 30 May 2013.**

Nominators are advised to read the 2013 Nomination Guidelines for the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science before submitting a nomination. Nominations will be assessed in accordance with the guidelines.

**Stage 1** requires that nominators register online to complete:

- Nominator's details;
- Nominee(s) details;
- Achievement summary no more than 800 words describing the achievement of nominee(s);
- Two page curriculum vitae (refer to the guidelines for the specifics for each Prize category); and
- Proof of Australian citizenship or permanent residency of nominee(s).

**Stage 2** requires nominators of shortlisted nominees to submit a detailed submission including:

- Nominator's reference supporting the nomination (no more than five pages addressing each Prize selection criteria);
- Two supporters' details;
- Two supporter's references on the nominated achievement;
- Two additional referees (applicable to science prizes only);
- Publicity paragraphs, using simple English to describe the nature, impact and importance of the nominee's nominated achievements, for use in publicity as required;
- List of publications (applicable to Science Prizes only);
- Four publications that best describe the nominated achievement (applicable to Science Prizes only);