CEO’S AWARD
FOR BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH

AIM
This award is intended for early career researchers. Awardees will be subsequently encouraged to apply to the Premier’s Award for Health and Medical Research 2019.

SELECTION CRITERIA
• This award is open to current PhD students (at least two years into candidature) and Post doctoral researchers who have completed a PhD no earlier than Jan 2017.

Research must be in areas of health or medical research
Health or medical research means quantitative or qualitative research pertinent to health or medical research in all fields including basic science, clinical, health services and public health research

• Part time students are eligible if they have completed an equivalent of 24 months candidature

Previous Premiers Award recipients including those who have been highly commended are not eligible to apply

Applicants should use the abstract submission system for ResearchFest www.austin.org.au/submitabstract2018

Applications must include
1. Title
Title of PhD research project.
2. Abstract
An abstract - a short paragraph (up to 250 words) explaining the PhD research project and its importance in non-technical terms, understandable by the lay public. The abstract should clearly indicate the impact of the research on health outcomes;
3. Project Report
A full description (up to 1500 words) of the PhD project highlighting its importance and contribution to health or medical research. Maximum 4 (four) pages in total including diagrams and figures.
4. Referees reports:
Two reference letters are required, one of which must the the Head of department or institute where the PhD research project was undertaken. Referees must permit the release of the reference letter to third parties for the purposes of the selection process. If more than one application is received from a single institute or department, the head of the institute or department will be contacted to provide a rank of order of applications.

The reference letter must address specific items (continued next page)
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In particular the reference letter will address
(i) the applicants autonomy and creativity in conceiving their research project, including the generation of hypotheses, research design and method development
(ii) the applicants degree of independence and autonomy in the execution of the research project including the generation of the results and in writing the papers
(iii) quality and significance of research project outcomes in the field.

Outcomes might included research publications; patient applications; adoptions of findings or methods into clinical or public health practice; evidence of research and research-related knowledge transfer, and other evidence of national and international recognition.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

31 August 2018

The selection committee reserves the right to not make an award if applications are not of sufficient standard.

PRIZE

• Prize will be $1500
• The Awards will be announced following the Plenary lecture on Thursday 18 October 12.30pm in the John Lindell lecture theatre.

Applicants are expected to be present.