CEOs Award
For Clinical Research

AIM
This award is intended for early career researchers in health or medical research. Awardees will be subsequently encouraged to apply to the Premier’s Award for Health and Medical Research 2020. The Premier’s award is open to students of Victorian academic or research institutions who are citizens of Australia or New Zealand or permanent residents of Australia.

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 27 Aug 2017, who qualify for application for a Premier’s Award for Health and Medical Research 2020.

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.

APPLICATION
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 (continued next page)
APPLICATION (continued)

4. Referees reports:
Two reference letters are required, one of which must 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
(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.

Applicants should use the abstract submission system for ResearchFest  www.austin.org.au/submitabstract2019

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
31 August 2019
The selection committee reserves the right to not make an award if applications are not of sufficient standard.

PRIZE
Prize will be $1500

Presentation will be made during ResearchFest 2019 on Thursday 17 October 2019, applicants are expected to be present.

Researchers are asked to indicate on their abstract submission form if they wish to apply. Only eligible researchers should apply.