

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS OVERVIEW AND CRITERIA

Awards commencing in 2025

Objectives

- to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Western Australia's best and brightest cancer researchers
- to reinforce the importance of cancer research as an aspirational career choice
- to provide encouragement for the next generation of leading cancer researchers

Cancer Researcher of the Year \$20,000

This is awarded to the WA based cancer researcher who has made the most outstanding contribution to cancer research over the previous 3 years. This could include leading a groundbreaking or cutting-edge piece of cancer research of international importance, or establishing a major initiative that will significantly advance a specific area of cancer research in Western Australia. The contribution may relate to any topic of cancer research including biology, aetiology, policy, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, management or treatment, health services, improvement of quality of life for cancer patients or palliative care.

Preference will be given to researchers who have a strong record of mentoring junior researchers and of service to the field of cancer research, for e.g., contributing to committees, encouraging collaboration, and involvement with community outreach / advocacy.

CRITERIA

1. An outstanding contribution to cancer research over the past three years

The contribution may relate to any topic of cancer research including biology, aetiology, policy, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, management or treatment, health services, improvement of quality of life for cancer patients or palliative care.

This could include:

- leading a groundbreaking or cutting-edge piece of research of international importance
- establishing a major initiative that will significantly advance a specific area of research in Western Australia

2. Additional supporting statement for the nomination

This could include:

- Mentoring Record
- Contribution to Committees
- Evidence of Collaboration
- Community Outreach/Advocacy

Early Career Cancer Researcher of the Year \$10,000

This award will go to the early career cancer researcher who has made the most significant advance in cancer research over the preceding 18-24 months. The achievement will be judged in terms of impact of one or more peer-reviewed publications in advancing our understanding of cancer biology, aetiology, policy, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, management or treatment, health services, improvement of quality of life for cancer patients or palliative care. 'Early career' cancer researcher will be defined as someone who has less than 7 years of cancer research experience and no more than 5 years postdoctoral experience (with allowance for career breaks).

CRITERIA

1. Significant peer-reviewed cancer research publication/s

That advances our understanding of cancer biology, aetiology, policy, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, management or treatment, health services, improvement of quality of life for cancer patients or palliative care.

2. Additional supporting statement for nomination

This could include:

- Contribution to Cancer Research in WA and Internationally
- Evidence of Collaboration
- Community Outreach/Advocacy

Professor Bruce Armstrong Cancer Research Career Achievement Award \$20,000

This award is for a senior cancer researcher who has combined a history of significant achievement in cancer research with a strong record of leadership in administration, advocacy and promotion of cancer research. The recipient will also be known for mentoring junior researchers, inspiring the next generation to pursue careers in cancer research and for their commitment to collaborative research.

CRITERIA

- 1. Leadership in administration
- 2. Leadership in advocacy and promotion of cancer research
- 3. Mentorship and inspiration of junior researchers
- 4. Commitment to collaborative research
- 5. Supporting Statement for Nomination (60 words or less)

This could include:

- Significance of Cancer Research in WA and Internationally over career to date
- Impact of Peer-reviewed Publications in advancing Cancer Research
- Community Outreach/Advocacy

Note:

The awarded amount is to go towards a cancer research program or cancer research initiative of the recipient's choice, on condition that the funds are spent in Western Australia.

Please complete and submit the nomination form and curriculum vitae via the online portal (https://grants.cancerwa.asn.au/):

Link to the online portal

Self-nominations will not be accepted.