GRiffith Health

2014 Pro vice chancellor’s research excellence and publication of the year awards
The Pro Vice Chancellor’s Research Excellence and Publication of the Year Awards acknowledge the outstanding work of academic staff and their contributions to both their discipline and to Griffith’s profile as a research intensive university. The Awards are an important means of recognising distinguished achievement in research or scholarship of early career or experienced researchers within Griffith Health.

PVC RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Research Excellence Awards recognise research excellence in the following categories:

1. **Excellence of a Research Group or Team**
   
   One prize, value of $10,000

2. **Excellence of an individual Mid-career or Senior Researcher who has made an outstanding contribution**
   
   One prize, value of $5,000

3. **Excellence in an Early Career Researcher**
   
   One prize, value of $5,000

4. **Excellence in Research Supervision**
   
   One prize, value of $5,000

5. **Excellence in Research Leadership**
   
   One prize, value of $5,000

Award prizes can be used to support any approved research activity. The intent of group or team awards is that funds will be directed towards activities that support the whole research team.
Excellence in an Early Career Researcher
Dr Kyra Hamilton

Changing the way people behave so they are more motivated about what they need to do to be healthy and have the capacity to follow through is one of the great challenges in preventative health.

Applied Psychology researcher, Dr Kyra Hamilton has been published widely at a high level over the past three years and has been part of intensive collaborations with groups as diverse as Mater Health Service, Royal Life Saving Society and Beyond Blue.

In 2014 she was awarded the European Health Psychological Society’s Early Career Award.

Excellence in an Early Career Researcher (Highly Commended)
Dr Vinod Gopalan

Dr Vinod Gopalan is part of the School of Medicine and Medical Science. His research speciality is molecular pathology of cancer metastasis in colorectal cancer, with a focus on genetic interaction and identifying novel biomarkers.

He completed his PhD under Professor Alfred Lam in 2012 and has since been published in over 30 academic journals including Molecular Carcogenises and Molecular Oncology and Biology of the Cell. He has also collected over $200,000 in research and teaching grants.

His work is conducted in collaboration with departments of Pathology and Surgery at GC Hospital.

Excellence in Research Leadership
Professor Claire Rickard

There are about 28 million intravascular (IV) devices sold in Australia each year, but 20-50% of them have complications leading to device failure, resulting in a huge number of infections or worse.

Professor Claire Rickard and her research group, AVATAR have been conducting research into the best way secure IV devises findings have since been published in many journals including. The Lancet and she is an inductee in the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. She is due soon to complete two NHMRC funded projects on IV device dressings and IV tubing care, which could see her findings change some of the most common and expensive practices in a hospitals.
Excellence of an Individual Senior Researcher who has made an Outstanding Contribution
Professor Diego De Leo AO

In 2008 Griffith University opened Australia’s first National Centre of Excellence in Suicide Prevention and Professor De Leo was appointed the director.

The Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention (AISRAP) publishes a huge number of papers, books, articles and reports examining the social and psychological aspect of suicide in Australia and internationally.

Professor De Leo has been appointed by the International Association for Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organization to coordinate and standardize global research nomenclature.

Excellence in Research Supervision
Prof Alfred Lam

Professor Alfred Lam is one of Griffith’s leading researchers into the cure for and prevention of cancer. He is an anatomical and molecular pathologist and one of the invited authors of the World Health Organization’s classification of tumors of endocrine system published in 2005. He is also an editor of the journals, Pathology and Endocrine Pathology.

Hi group’s current projects include studying diagnostic markers in cancers, a clinical trial on resistance to cancer therapy, investigating the impact of micro-RNA, DNA mutations, stem cells and angiogenesis in cancers.

Excellence of a Research Group or Team
Project Title: Exploring the perspectives of healthcare consumers and carers on the burden of chronic conditions and the role of community pharmacy in management.

Prof Amanda Wheeler
Prof Elizabeth Kendall
A/Prof Jennifer Whitty
Dr Fiona Kelly
Dr Michelle King
Dr Adem Sav
Ms Sara McMillan
Ms Claire Campbell
Ms Beth Hunter
Ms Rhonda Knights
PUBLICATION OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Publication of the Year Awards are assessed on the following minimum criteria:

- The publication must be submitted through the Griffith portal;
- The publication must be from the past year (2013); and
- The Griffith Health Institute must be acknowledged in the by-line.

Each Centre runs their own Publication of the Year round and they may wish to stipulate additional criteria.

Griffith Health Institute provides each Centre with $1,000 in funding towards the Award. Centres may contribute additional funds towards the Award at their discretion.

**Publication of the Year - Behavioural Basis of Health**
5 Award Recipients

Lara Farrell, Allison Waters, Mark Boschen, Ella Milliner, and Melanie Zimmer-Gembeck


**Publication of the Year - Centre for Musculoskeletal Research**
3 Award Recipients

Luca Modenese for Best Publication in 2013 in CMR by an Early Career Researcher.


Justin Kavanagh


Leanne Bisset


**Publication of the Year - Heart Foundation Research Centre**

Louise See Hoe

Publication of the Year - Centre for Health Practice Innovation

Siobhan O'Dwyyer


Publication of the Year - Centre for Population and Social Health Research

Samantha Johnston


Publication of the Year - Molecular Basis of Disease

2 Award Recipients

Allen Ross and Allan Cripps