

AB-CRC POLICY FOR THE CHRIS BALDOCK PRIZE FOR INTERNATIONAL EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

1 BACKGROUND

The AB-CRC has established a Chris Baldock Prize for Early international Career Researchers (the 'prize') to recognise the significant contribution of Dr Chris Baldock to the AB-CRC, prior to his untimely death on 6 July 2005. Specifically, Chris was pivotal in designing and establishing the Advance Surveillance Systems Research Program, mentoring many AB-CRC staff and students, and establishing a strong culture of collaboration and innovation within the AB-CRC. Further, Chris has made an important contribution to a number of AB-CRC partner organisations over many years.

The prize is fully sponsored by the AB-CRC, and will continue for the life of the AB-CRC, and may not necessarily be awarded every year.

2 ELIGIBILITY

The prize recognises excellence in research for an international early career researcher working in an area that is relevant to the mission and objectives of the AB-CRC, in recognition of Chris's extraordinary attributes as a scientist, innovator and mentor.

International early career researcher is defined as within five years of being awarded a relevant postgraduate degree (Masters or Doctorate), with flexibility where there are special circumstances, for example if the researcher has taken maternity or parenting leave. People nominated for the award can be of any age.

The prize is open to residents of developing countries* in South Asia, South East Asia and Papua New Guinea, consistent with the objectives and geographic focus of the AB-CRC and Chris's profile across these regions. International early career researchers from both within and outside the AB-CRC partnership are eligible to apply.

3 SELECTION CRITERIA

- 3.1 Demonstrated authorship (of technical manuals, policies, workshop proceedings and peer reviewed publications). At least one peer reviewed publication is required. The broad definition of authorship recognises Chris's achievements in the application of research through a wide range of publishing avenues, as well as the constraints on people from developing countries in achieving peer reviewed publications.
- 3.2 Evidence of peer recognition such as membership of expert committees or training roles, for example.

4 SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of a prize recipient will be based on competitive merit and assessment against the eligibility criteria.

Applications will be assessed by a panel including the AB-CRC Chairman and/or CEO, a representative of AusVet Animal Health Services (of which Chris Baldock was a founding Director), and a member of the AB-CRC's International Advisory Standing Committee.

The panel's decision will be final with no process of appeal. Correspondence in respect to the selection process, whether written or verbal, will not be entered into with nominators or nominees after the application date has closed.

5 PRIZE DETAILS AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

The prize includes funding of up to (AUD) \$4,000 for conference travel, accommodation, meals and registration and an enduring award. The prize can be awarded as either cash (which may be subject to income tax) or as reimbursement for conference-related expenses.

The prize recipient is required to provide written evidence that the funds have been spent on conference travel, accommodation, meals and registration in support of the researcher's professional development.

The prize recipient must endeavour to spend the prize funds within 12 months of the award being offered.

6 NOMINATION DETAILS

Prize applicants must be externally nominated by a 'nominator'.

A completed application form and a copy of the nominee's complete Curriculum Vitae should be forwarded by email to:

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The closing date for applications is COB on Monday 2nd March 2009.

Late nominations will not be accepted.