

KCA Awards 2020

Nomination Guidelines

Background

Knowledge Commercialisation Australasia (KCA) is the non-profit, peak body leading best practice in industry engagement, technology transfer and entrepreneurship for research organisations since 1978. KCA is a founding member of the global Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals.

Our sector is changing rapidly and profoundly. To help our members rise to this challenge, KCA provides influential advocacy, accredited training, world-leading resources and outstanding opportunities for recognition and networking.

Above all, KCA is a strong community of collaborators, advisors and mentors, led by the passionate, dedicated professionals on our Board. Whatever your level of experience, you can join KCA and get involved in promoting professionalism and building capacity in our sector.

In recognition of the outstanding efforts of our member organisations we have put in place awards to recognise exemplary outcomes. In recent times the main award is the KCA Research Commercialisation Award in the coming years the awards will be extended to include additional categories.

In 2020 there will be two Awards one for

**KCA Award for Best Research Commercialisation and,
KCA Award for Best Research Contract/Collaboration.**

The guidelines and nomination process for these awards are outlined below

KCA Award for Best Research Commercialisation

The KCA Award for Best Research Commercialisation celebrates the achievements of members, and highlights "top tier work" in Australasian tech transfer. We invite members to put forth any activity in;

1. licensing, or
2. generation of a spin-out or
3. consultancy, or
4. combination of any of the three activities above

that has realised success in the last 18 months.

Three finalists will be selected overall from the nominations received, and those three finalists will pitch their nomination at the KCA Digital Event on Friday 11 September 2020. The winner, as deemed by a panel of judges, and the people's choice award winner, will also be announced at the KCA Digital Event.

The Awards are open to all KCA members and their respective project partners. Projects can span all facets of research commercialisation, industry engagement and entrepreneurship. This Award isn't about "big deals." The Award recognises great work, so please be encouraged to put forth projects which demonstrate originality, creative business insight, and/or deliver significant societal impact.

KCA Award for Best Research Contract/Collaboration.

The KCA Award for Best Collaboration celebrates the achievements of members, and highlights “top tier work” in Australasian tech transfer. We invite members to put forth any activity in;

1. negotiating a research contract
2. contributing to a large-scale research collaboration
3. establishing a significant piece of research infrastructure aimed at increasing industry-research collaborations
4. combination of any of the three activities above

that has realised success as a result of efforts spanning at least three years.

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The Awards are open to all KCA members and their respective project partners. Projects can span all facets of research commercialisation, industry engagement and entrepreneurship. This Award is targeted to a significant outcome with measurable benefit to the Australian community. The Award recognises great work, so please be encouraged to put forth projects which demonstrate originality, creative business insight, and/or deliver significant societal impact.

Eligibility to Enter

- Nominees must have one party who is a member of KCA
- Finalists and Award winners will be the activity from the KCA member organisation, not individuals
- A representative from (or for) each finalist team must be available to present at the KCA Digital Event on 11 September 2020
- All activity outcomes must have occurred with the last 18 months
- Eligible organisations may register more than one activity

Nominations

Note the following:

- Nominations must be submitted by one party (nominator), on behalf of another party (nominee/s).
- Note: nominator and nominee may be called upon by the Selection Panel to provide evidence of claims made within submitted documentation.
- Incomplete Nominations will **NOT** be considered.
- Late submissions will **NOT** be accepted
- The nomination process is not confidential to the nominee and the nominator may seek assistance from the nominee for the application. Self-nominations will not be considered.

All decisions taken by KCA shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Assessment Criteria

In assessing the nominees, the following Criterion will be taken into account for each award. The Nominator should specifically address these criteria towards the Award Category being applied for and provide specific examples and data as necessary.

Whilst quantitative data is an essential element to be provided to assist in the assessment of nominees, qualitative data is also critical in balancing out any application.

Why is this activity deserving of “top tier work” in Australasian tech/knowledge transfer status? OR Why is this a great example of tech/knowledge transfer activity in Australasia?

The nominee/s should demonstrate that they

1. Have made an identifiably significant contribution to the translation of research by the application of skills in IP identification and commercial negotiation and
2. Have demonstrated a good working relationship with the key researchers and
3. Have generated a tangible outcome for the application and advancement of research into the community.

NOMINATION CLOSING DATE: 5:00 PM AEST SUNDAY 19 July 2020.

Nominations must be made using the **KCA ONLINE NOMINATION PORTAL** which can be found on the KCA Awards webpage: <https://techtransfer.org.au/kca-awards/>

The on-line Nomination Portal provides prompts and guidance:

- You can answer your questions in any order and all answers need to be completed to ensure your nomination is considered valid.
- The section you are filling in will be clearly highlighted and a tick will appear when the section is completed successfully.
- You will know how much of the entry has been completed, indicated on the summary page.
- Each page will save when you click the 'NEXT', 'PREVIOUS' or 'SAVE & RETURN' buttons at the bottom of the entry page but will not save if you leave the page mid progress without clicking 'SAVE & RETURN'.

Quick check:

Has the nominator sent out a courtesy note to your project team and manager advising them of this nomination? Just something to consider, but should you reach the finals, or indeed be deemed the winner, it may be best that your project team knows they have been nominated so that they can get involved in the process should they wish.

Supporting Documentation

Note: A maximum of 5 supporting documents (including a CV document) are permitted per nomination

Nominator can upload into the Nomination Portal supporting quantitative documents such as:

- Quantitative documentation.
- Referee Reports
- nominee's CV (no more than two pages)
- patents
- any acknowledgement of inventorship, such as patent authoring
- Financial: Details of sales, financial details of licenses, financial impact as a result of uptake of the technology
- Jobs: Jobs created, transformed (upskilled) or secured (avoided job loss), with preference to Australian jobs
- Productivity: productivity improvement, evidence of added value to product or process
- Competitiveness: improved position in global supply chain, evidence of impact on the market
- Sustainability: Evidence that the impact is sustainable and transformative.
- Social Impact: evidence of impact in the areas of health, safety, environment, compliance and community impact; improvement for an identified subset of the community; or a previously unmet need.

Nominators are also encouraged to upload into the Nomination Portal any supporting documentation relevant to the application for the **specific KCA Award Category**.

Key Dates

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| Nominations Deadline | Sunday 19 July 2020 |
| Finalists Announced | Friday 7 August 2020 |
| Finalists for Research Commercialisation Award Present at KCA Digital Event | Friday 11 September 2020 |
| Winners Announced at KCA Digital Event | Friday 11 September 2020 |

Presentation of Awards

All winners of a KCA Award will announced at the KCA Digital Event on 11 September 2020 and receive a trophy in person shortly afterwards.

Should a team nomination win a KCA Award the person the nominator has identified as the “team leader” will be the designated spokesperson at the presentation function.

Obligations of Awardees

Short listed awardees will be expected to:

- attend the presentation of the KCA Digital Event on Friday 11 September 2020;
- Allow the publication of their success in KCA website and literature

Confidentiality & Privacy

Confidentiality of information exchanges will be strictly observed.

In accordance with the Privacy Act, KCA protects the privacy and security of information provided by you. By completing this form, you agree to the use of your personal information by KCA for purposes related to the KCA Awards program; that KCA may contact you about our products and services; and that KCA may use this information for internal purposes.

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