



Australasian Research
Commercialisation Awards

2023 Nomination Guidelines

Knowledge Commercialisation Australasia (KCA) is the non-profit, peak body leading best practice in industry engagement, technology transfer and entrepreneurship for public sector 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. This year KCA is seeking to leverage the importance of the impact that comes from our members and have rebranded and expanded the awards which are now known as the KCA Australasian Research Commercialisation Awards.

The 2023 KCA Australasian Research Commercialisation Awards

Best New Invention

For the best patent specification published by a KCA member between the 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2023.

Best Industry Collaboration

For a significant and successful industry-research collaboration comprising any/all facets of research commercialisation, contract research, consulting services, training programs, infrastructure programs, community programs, and other collaborative research engagement activities.

Best Licensing Deal

For a significant and successful licensing deal. There must be evidence that the IP and knowledge transfer provided as part of the deal is being actively used by the licensee and provides a significant advantage or benefit.



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Best Spin-out

For a significant and successful spin-out. There must be evidence that the IP and knowledge transfer provided as part of the spin-out is being actively used by the new venture and provides a significant advantage or benefit.

Best Knowledge Exchange Initiative

For a significant and successful knowledge exchange initiative spanning at least 18 months. This broad based category could include knowledge transformation networks, industry clusters, internal commercial ventures, place based innovation initiatives such as innovation precincts, incubators or student startup or accelerator programs. There must be evidence of enduring value delivered through the initiative beyond the nominating institution.

Research Commercialisation Professional of the Year

For the continued practice, support, growth, and advocacy of the profession. There must be evidence of a significant contribution by the nominated individual to the advancement of the profession, and demonstration of the nominee's contribution to economic, social and/or environmental benefit.

Eligibility

- The transaction, outcomes or substantial benefit subject to the nominated project must have occurred within the last 18 months
- Nominations must be submitted by a KCA member organisation
- Incomplete and/or late nominations will not be accepted.
- A representative of each finalist team is expected to attend the KCA Conference on 11-12 October 2023.

Assessment Criteria

In assessing the nominees, the following two (2) criteria will be considered for each award. Award nomination submissions will be in the form of a case study and should be guided by the criteria below. Supplementary information such as links to websites, media to support the case study may also be included. The ability to showcase the contribution of the nominee through the case study as well as the impact to society and the economy are crucial for a successful nomination.

Criteria 1: Contribution and application

- A description of the activity, and how it aligns to the awards category
- A description of the project and/or engagement
- Evidence to support the nomination including independent reports, media reports, IP Registrations and/or patent filings
- A description of why the nomination is a demonstration of top tier work in research commercialisation



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Criteria 2 Demonstration of Impact

Evidence to support the impact of the nomination such as;

- Outcomes of commercialisation: details of new products and services in the market, consequence and benefit of technology being available through the lens of benefit to society and the economy.
- Details of the transaction or knowledge exchange initiative, including financial, number of product sales or other innovation ecosystem or economic contribution.

Nomination Process

Nominations for all awards, except the Best New Invention Category, must be made via the online form at techtransfer.org.au/kca-awards.

For the Best New Invention Category. IP Australia will review all eligible published patent specifications from KCA institutional members. Each KCA institutional member will be asked to select one invention from their eligible inventions as the finalist for the category.

The case study which forms the nomination must be uploaded in PDF format and the content approved for non-confidential publication. A maximum of 3 supporting documents are permitted per nomination, which may include, but are not limited to:

- referee reports, testimonials
- IP protection method (if any) and/or licensing details (if applicable)
- evidence of the market opportunity or previously unmet community need
- summary financial data or impact metrics such as sales growth, productivity improvements, industry ranking improvements (from an independent 3rd party)
- evidence of positive impact on Australasia jobs, health, safety, environment, or community benefits.

KCA will protect the confidentiality and security of personal and information disclosed in supporting documents in accordance with the [Privacy Act](#).

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 5:00 PM AEST FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023.

Judging process

- Overseen by KCA Director Dr Tim Boyle, a panel of judges experienced in knowledge/tech transfer will select the finalists and winners according to the judging criteria.
- A maximum of three finalists in each category will be selected.
- Finalists and Award winners will be named as the KCA member organisation, not individuals (with the exception of the Research Commercialisation Professional of the Year).
- Decisions made by the judges shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.



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Key dates

Nominations open	9 August 2023
Nomination deadline	22 September 2023
Finalists announced	2 October 2023
Awards to be announced and presented at the Annual Conference Dinner	11 October 2023

Confidentiality and 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.

If you do not wish to receive further information, please email admin@techtransfer.org.au