**Instructions:**

* Use this form to provide a supporting statement for an RMIT academic staff member / HDR candidate / Research team nominated for one of the RMIT Research Awards in 2021.
* Visit the [2021 RMIT Research Awards webpage](https://www.rmit.edu.au/research/research-expertise/our-reputation/research-awards/research-awards-categories) for information, including selection criteria on all awards and prizes. Supporting statements should refer to the selection criteria for the award and comment on research performance relative to opportunity, i.e., information on career interruptions for such things as childbirth, carers’ responsibilities, misadventure, or debilitating illness, can be included. The statement must be no more than **0.5 A4 page**.
* Information regarding who can provide supporting statements for each of the award categories is provided in the table below

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| **Award or Prize** | **Support Statement 1** | **Support Statement 2** |
| **Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Research Excellence** | Nominator statement of support | Either an RMIT academic or external person familiar with the nominee’s field of research and achievements and can comment on nominee’s performance against the selection criteria |
| **Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Research Excellence – ECR** | Nominator statement of support | Either an RMIT academic or external person familiar with the nominee’s field of research and achievements and can comment on nominee’s performance against the selection criteria |
| **Vice-Chancellor’s Prize for Research Excellence – HDR** | One of the candidate’s supervisors | Relevant HDR coordinator |
| **Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Research Supervision Excellence** | Relevant HDR coordinator, or Deputy Dean/Head R&I if the nominee is an HDR coordinator | An HDR graduate |
| **Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Research Impact** | Nominator statement of support | Party that has benefitted from the research and can comment on the nominee’s performance against selection criteria |
| **Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Research Impact - ECR** | Nominator statement of support | Party that has benefitted from the research and can comment on the nominee’s performance against selection criteria |
| **Vice-Chancellor’s Prize for Research Impact – HDR** | One of the candidate’s supervisors | An individual in a relevant industry on the relevance of the research and demonstrated potential for impact |
| **RMIT Award for Innovative Research Supervision** | Relevant HDR coordinator, or Deputy Dean/Head R&I if the nominee is an HDR coordinator | An HDR graduate |
| **RMIT Research Excellence - Team Award** | Nominator statement of support | Either an RMIT academic or external person familiar with the nominee’s field of research and achievements and can comment on nominee’s performance against the selection criteria |
| **RMIT Award for Excellence – Graduate Research Leadership** | HDR graduates and/or academic colleagues with supervision expertise or HDR responsibilities | HDR graduates and/or academic colleagues with supervision expertise or HDR responsibilities  \* Additional *optional* statement for this award:   * Evidence of particular initiatives or candidates’ achievements |
| **RMIT Award for Excellence – Industry Engagement in Graduate Research** | An HDR graduate | Industry partner statement of support  \* Additional *optional* statements for this award:   * RMIT academic with supervision expertise or HDR responsibilities. * Evidence of particular initiatives or candidates’ achievements |
| **RMIT Award for Research Excellence** | Nominator statement of support | Either an RMIT academic or external person familiar with the nominee’s field of research and achievements and can comment on nominee’s performance against the selection criteria |
| **RMIT Award for Research Excellence – ECR** | Nominator statement of support | Either an RMIT academic or external person familiar with the nominee’s field of research and achievements and can comment on nominee’s performance against the selection criteria |
| **RMIT Prize for Research Excellence – HDR** | One of the candidate’s supervisors | Relevant HDR Coordinator |
| **RMIT Research Impact and Collaboration - Team Award** | Nominator statement of support | Either an RMIT academic or external person who is familiar with the nominee’s field of research and achievements and can comment on nominee’s performance against the selection  criteria |
| **RMIT Award for Research Impact** | Nominator statement of support | A party that has benefitted from the research and can comment on the nominee’s performance against selection criteria |
| **RMIT Award for Research Impact – ECR** | Nominator statement of support | A party that has benefitted from the research and can comment on the nominee’s performance against selection criteria |
| **RMIT Prize for Research Impact – HDR** | One of the candidate’s supervisors | An individual in a relevant industry on the relevance of the research and demonstrated potential for impact |

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| Title | Select title from list |
| First name | Enter First Name |
| Last name | Enter Last Name |
| Section B: Individual nominee details | |
| Title | Select title from list |
| First name | Enter nominee’s first name |
| Last name | Enter nominee’s last name |
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| Section C: Title of Award/Prize and Category | |
| Award category | **Choose award category from list** |
| Award sub-category (where applicable) \* | **Choose award sub-category from list** |
| \* Sub-Category applies to *ALL VICE CHANCELLOR AND RESEARCH AWARDS AND PRIZES excluding* hdr supervision and team Awards.*sub-categories information is available on the*[*Research Awards Website*](https://www.rmit.edu.au/research/research-expertise/our-reputation/research-awards/categories-technology-design-enterprise) | |

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| \* Signature | |  | Date | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| \* e-Signature or attached email declaration are also accepted | | | | |
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| Section E: Statement of Support |
| **(Supporting statement to**[**refer to the selection criteria**](https://www.rmit.edu.au/research/research-expertise/our-reputation/research-awards/research-awards-categories)**for the award and be no more than 0.5 A4 page)**   ATTACH STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT**(MAX 1 A4 PAGE FOR BOTH STATEMENTS)**AFTER THIS COVERSHEET |