**Dr John Dixon Hughes OAM Medal Nomination Form**

## About the Award

The Award is named after our longest-standing Director and former Chairman of our Research Advisory Committee, Dr John Dixon Hughes OAM, who was a founding member of the Foundation in 1977. Dr Dixon Hughes OAM, an astute consultant general surgeon with over 55 years’ experience, remained an active, dedicated and passionate board member until his passing in 2022 and was an avid believer in the potential for philanthropy to support and advance innovation.

The medal is awarded every two years to the researcher aged 45 or under judged to be responsible for the best biomedical innovation and development paper published, patent taken out, or commercial-in-confidence report in the previous two calendar years. Innovations will include Australian research and discoveries into new medicines, vaccines, biologicals, devices, tools or diagnostics.

The medal is awarded with a prize of $50,000, in the form of a grant to support the research activities of the recipient. All nominations received are treated as commercial-in-confidence.

## Judging and Selection

The Directors of the Foundation will judge the award with support from the Research Advisory Committee.

**Demonstrable translation of research is a prerequisite for consideration.**

The award may be shared if the judges agree that more than one applicant is equally worthy of the award.  If no suitable applications are deemed worthy of the award, the Foundation may elect not to offer the award in any particular year.

**Nominations should include:**

* A completed nomination cover form,
* A cover letter signed by the nominator outlining:
	+ Importance of the innovation;
	+ Role of the researcher and evidence of involvement with the innovation;
	+ Progress towards translation and/or commercialisation; and
	+ A short non-confidential disclosure of the innovation (the type suitable for industry/investor review).
* Evidence of translation and progress.  This may include media, IP and partner/investor/company information, letters and links to websites.
* Open links to published papers with the recipient as lead author associated with the innovation. If the relevant publications are not available online, please attach a copy with the nomination.
* Two written referees’ reports.

Nominations, together with supporting documentation from the candidate, should be submitted via this [link](https://nfmri.org.au/research-and-innovation/dr-john-dixon-hughes-medal/nomination-form/). Submissions sent by email may not be considered.

**Self-nominations are not accepted** and nominations must be for an individual rather than a team. The nominee must be under the age of 45 as at 1 October 2024.

**The deadline for the next round of nominations will close at 6pm AEST on Monday, 20 May 2024.**

Any questions should be directed to:

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Nominee Details

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| 1. | Full Name |       |
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Nominator Details

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Innovation Summary

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| 3. | Program/project name |       | Total project funding received |       |
| 4. | Primary disease or condition |       |
| 5. | Innovation type | **Tool** | **Vaccine** | **Drug** | **Diagnostic** | **Therapeutic** | **Biological** | **Device** | **Other** |
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| 6. | Innovation summary |       |
| 7. | Importance of innovation |       |
| 8. | Evidence of progress towards translation or commercialisation |       |
| 9. | Nominee’s involvement with the innovation |       |

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| 10. | Open links to published papers with the recipient as lead author associated with the innovation. If these papers are not available online, please attach a copy with your submission |       |

Required Attachments

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| 9. | Completed nomination cover form | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 10. | Signed cover letter from nominator  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 11. | Evidence of translation (this may include media, IP and partner, investor or company information, letters and links to websites) | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 13. | Open links to published papers with the recipient as lead author associated with the innovation (please also include the nominee’s ORCID number on this form, if available)  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 14. | Two referee reports | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |