

Media Release

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Excellence in teaching and learning recognised

High achieving staff will be honoured this week at the presentation of the annual Vice-Chancellor's Awards at the University of Tasmania.

The prestigious awards, which include a \$5000 prize for individual winners and a \$10,000 prize for team winners, will be presented to 20 recipients in the following categories: research, learning and teaching excellence, exceptional performance by professional staff, contributions by adjunct or clinical title holders, and community engagement.

The ceremony will be held at the Sandy Bay campus tonight (Thursday 30 October) where Professor Rathjen will present the awards.

The University of Tasmania Research Medal will be presented to Professor Graeme Jones, researcher at the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania. The medal recognises staff who have made a major contribution to excellence in research and research training.

Professor Jones, whose research focuses on osteoarthritis, leads a research team at Menzies recently highlighted in the National Health and Medical Research Council's "Ten of the Best" research projects list. The team is using new forms of medical imaging to understand more about the development of osteoarthritis and help create new therapies to both prevent and treat the condition.

Professor Rathjen said that the awards are an important acknowledgement of the excellence that exists at an individual and team level at the University.

"These staff members have been nominated by their peers, having strived for and attained standards that should serve as a touchstone for all of us," he said.

"It is the dedication and hard work of our staff that drives the national and international reputation, profile and standing of this University and I both appreciate and congratulate all the 2014 recipients."

Full list of 2014 Award Recipients:

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence

Associate Professor Natalie Brown

Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning

Team Award: Global Perspectives Program (GPP) - Dr Andrea Carr, Dr Nick Cooling, Mr Matthew Hingston, Mrs Sandra Holmes, Dr Jo-Anne Kelder, Mr Peter Komsta, Dr Bunmi Malau-Aduli, Ms Morag Porteous, Ms Anne Rothwell, Ms Juliet Sondermeyer, and Ms Lucy Sun.

Vice-Chancellor's Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

Individual Awards: Ms Lucy Bleach; Dr Tina Acuna; Ms Jillian Downing; Mrs Nicole Herbert; Dr Glen Hodges; Dr Tracey Muir; Mrs Rose Nash; and Dr Carolyn Philpott

Team Award: Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre - Mr Tony Carew, Mrs Annette Gibson, Miss Jo Hanuszewicz, Dr Jo-Anne Kelder, Dr Carolyn King, Associate Professor Fran McInerney, Mr Ciaran O'Mara, Mr Jeremy O'Reilly and Mr Luke Padgett.

Team Award: Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre, School of Medicine and Student Centre – Dr Alison Canty, Dr Andrea Carr, Dr Jo-Anne Kelder, Mrs Helen Ceperkovic, Mr Robert Ceperkovic, Ms Kathleen Burke and Ms Amanda Harper.

Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Exceptional Performance by Professional Staff

Individual Award: Ms Tania Harvey

Team Award: University Radio Astronomy - Mr Eric Baynes and Mr Brett Reid

Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Community Engagement

Individual Award: Dr Kumudini Dharmadasa and Associate Professor Andrew Legg

Team Award: Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture Dairy Development and Extension Team - Miss Heidi Broun, Miss Alison Hall, Ms Lesley Irvine, Mr Alexis Perez and Mr Thomas Snare

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Contributions by Adjunct and Clinical Title Holders

Dr Stuart Cannon

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Research Performance by Early Career Researchers

Individual Award: Dr Rebecca Carey and Dr Mark Hinder

Vice-Chancellor's Award for Internationally Recognised Research

Individual Award: Professor Graham Edgar

University of Tasmania Research Medal

Professor Graeme Jones

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