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Trailblazing research at AMC

A lecturer at the Australian Maritime College has been named runner-up in the Open Category of the national Trailblazer awards.

Aquaculture lecturer Ryan Wilkinson was presented with a \$5000 prize and 12-month *New Scientist* subscription at the award ceremony at the University of Queensland last night.

Trailblazer recognises researchers with original ideas or concepts to benefit the community. Dr Wilkinson's research is in aquaculture and his winning written submission and pitch discussed the development of a rapid, on-farm test for use in the aquaculture industry which will allow for the assessment and maintenance of high fish-welfare standards.

"The Trailblazer competition provided a fantastic opportunity for me to explore the commercial potential of my research idea and 'pitch' that idea to a panel of judges with interests in venture capital, intellectual property management and industry engagement," he said.

At a state level Dr Wilkinson won the Open Category, a \$3000 prize, as well as a \$1000 prize for Pitching Excellence.

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