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Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Research & Development, Higher Education & Training, Vocational Education & Training and Community Engagement 2010

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Purpose

A program of prestigious awards initiated in 1998 to recognise outstanding achievements in collaboration between business and tertiary education in the fields of Research & Development and Education & Training. The objective of the program is to highlight at a national level the benefits of such collaboration, and enhance links between industry and universities.

Frequency

Awards are made annually and presented at the B-HERT Awards Dinner in November each year.

Eligibility

The award is made to a program or project involving a collaborative partnership between business and tertiary education. Therefore, the collaborating organisations nominated for the award must come from business and from tertiary education.

Each submission must be signed by all participating partners.

Number and categories of Awards

This year's Awards are for -

- Best Research & Development Collaboration
- Best Higher Education & Training Collaboration
- Best Vocational Education & Training Collaboration
- Best Community Engagement Collaboration
- Outstanding Collaboration with a Regional Focus – R&D or E&T.

Applications may be submitted for an Award in one or more categories, however, an application may only win one Award.

The Judging Panel reserve the right to reassign any application to another category if deemed necessary.

Winning projects are not eligible for a B-HERT Award in subsequent years.

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Criteria for Assessment

The two principal criteria for judging collaborations as worthy of an award are whether they are highly innovative and are based on the foundation of a strong relationship between partners.

1. **Innovation** – (a) Has the project or program produced new concepts, products or services as a result of the collaboration? (b) How innovative (i.e., novel and useful) is the concept or idea, design, delivery or content? (c) What new challenges have been met or barriers surmounted?
2. **Strength of Relationship** – (a) What is the extent of the responsibilities and involvement of the partners? (b) How has this grown over the life of the project or program? (c) How do the partners collaborate in regard to people, facilities, access to information, technology transfer, etc? (d) Are there obstacles and barriers the partners have had to overcome to make the collaboration work? (e) Have there been other productive relationships that have developed as a result of the project or program?

In addition the Judging Panel will look for and take into account evidence pertaining to the following criteria:

3. **Outreach Inclusion** – Has the project or program attracted new participants since its inception? Has it become a model for other projects or programs?
4. **Wider outcomes achieved** – These may be economic, financial, social, educational, environmental, or community benefits. Examples might include growth in exports, creation of new jobs, reduction of disadvantage, and so on.
5. **Cultural Impact** – What impact has the project or program had on the cultures of the participating organisations? What changes have there been in attitudes, behaviour or values of the participants?

Applicants are reminded that the Awards are to recognise outstanding achievement in collaboration between one or more tertiary education institutions and one or more industry partners. In this regard industry is defined broadly as publicly and privately owned companies, but can also include federal, state and government departments, statutory authorities, industry associations and recognised community and welfare organisations. The underpinning interaction must be true collaboration above and beyond what would be normally expected as part of routine activities. All parties must be actively involved and contributing, having a relationship well beyond a commercial or service delivery arrangement.

THE ASHLEY GOLDSWORTHY AWARD FOR SUSTAINED COLLABORATION BETWEEN BUSINESS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

B-HERT will present an Award recognising a sustained effort by a university, business or individual to foster collaboration between the sectors, resulting in significant benefits to higher education, business and the broader community. This Award will be made on the basis of verifiable evidence of a range of collaborative initiatives and peer recognition. It is an open award, not restricted to Members of B-HERT. It is a prestigious award contemplated for **any worthy applicant in Australia**. The breadth and quality of applications made to the B-HERT Awards over recent years will be taken into consideration. The B-HERT Board and Judges Panel would welcome suggestions of anyone who should be considered for this prestigious Award. Suggestions should be emailed to the B-HERT President at bhert@bhert.com by 27 August 2010.

DESCRIBE HOW THE PROJECT OR PROGRAM MEETS THE INNOVATION CRITERION (ONE PAGE), THE RELATIONSHIP CRITERION (ONE PAGE) AND, IF RELEVANT, THE REMAINING THREE CRITERIA (ONE PAGE ALTOGETHER)

Application Process

1. Applications for 2010 are now being sought.
2. Deadline for applications is **2 September 2010**.
3. Judging will be completed by **23 October 2010**.
4. Judging panel:
 - Mr Peter Laver AM, Vice President, Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (*Chairman*)
 - Dr Peter Binks, CEO, General Sir John Monash Foundation
 - Dr Annabelle Duncan, Executive Director, Science Collaboration, AgriBio, LaTrobe University
 - Emeritus Professor Chris Fell AM, Former DVC, University of NSW
 - Mr John Grace, Director, Nextec Biosciences Pty Ltd
 - Ms Patricia Neden, Chief Executive Officer, Innovation and Business Skills Australia
 - Mr John Vines OAM, Chairman, Innovation Business Skills Australia
5. The Hon Julia Gillard MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations will deliver the after-dinner address at the B-HERT Annual Awards Dinner on **Thursday, 4 November 2010, in Melbourne**.
6. The winner in each category will be presented with a trophy at the Dinner.
7. Completed applications to be emailed to: bhert@bhert.com

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