

## **2018 Industry-University Collaboration Awards Guidelines for Applicants**

### **PURPOSE**

The BHERT Awards were established in 1998 to recognise outstanding achievement in collaboration between business and higher education in the fields of research and development, and education and training. The objective of the programme is to highlight at a national level the benefits of such collaboration and enhance links between industry and universities.

BHERT is the only organisation in Australia to recognize and reward collaboration between these important parts of the economy. BHERT hosts the Awards Programme annually to acknowledge outstanding collaborative projects. The BHERT Awards programme culminates in a gala dinner with nearly 400 guests and VIP speakers. Now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, the BHERT Awards is a unique national programme.

### **AWARD CATEGORIES**

- **OUTSTANDING COLLABORATION IN RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT**
- **OUTSTANDING COLLABORATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION & TRAINING**
- **OUTSTANDING COLLABORATION IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
- **OUTSTANDING COLLABORATION FOR NATIONAL (Non-Economic) BENEFIT**
- **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN UNIVERSITY-BUSINESS COLLABORATION (the Ashley Goldsworthy Award) - separate application process**



## WHO CAN APPLY?

Any collaborative programs or projects involving one or more tertiary education institution, and one or more industry partner, can be submitted for an Award. The roles of each party in the collaborative process must be clearly outlined. Industry partners can be publicly or privately owned companies, while federal, state and government departments, statutory authorities, industry associations, unions, not-for-profits and recognised community organisations can be included as sub-partners. In addition to universities, tertiary education institutions may also include business schools or accredited higher education programmes.

Non-winning projects can be resubmitted in subsequent years however winning projects are not eligible for a BHERT Award in subsequent years.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Applications are submitted electronically via BHERT's online portal together with a letter of support signed by a representative of one of the tertiary partners, and a representative of one of the industry partners. These letters of support (2 in total) should offer insights into the collaboration process and outcomes of the project, and can be used to best elaborate on the project where the set criteria may not allow.

Provision has been made for tables, photographs, graphics or video clips to be uploaded with submissions. The inclusion of such multi-media demonstrations, where they highlight the scope of a project's effectiveness, is highly recommended.

## WHEN TO APPLY?



## WHAT ARE KEY CRITERIA?

1. **Objectives and Rationale**
2. **Innovation**
3. **Collaborative Relationship**
4. **Processes**
5. **Size and Scope**
6. **Outcomes**

## WHEN WILL WINNERS BE ANNOUNCED?

The BHERT Awards Dinner will be held on 13th November 2018 at Park Hyatt Melbourne. All Award winners will be presented with an engraved trophy and details about the project will be outlined and shown.

## WHO'S ON THE JUDGING PANEL?

Applications are assessed by an independent panel of judges. The 2018 BHERT Awards panel is chaired by **Mr John Grace FTSE FAICD**, Chairman, UniSA Ventures and Capsular Technologies, and Director, TechAdvisory.

## KEY APPLICATION DATES

1. Expressions of Interest Online one-page application period opens **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**.
2. Expressions of Interest period closes, **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**.
3. Shortlisting period until **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May**, successful applicants contacted.
4. Full Applications open for successful applicants, **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**.
5. Full Applications close **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, COB**. In order to ensure fairness to all applying parties, strictly no extensions will be given.
6. Judges' Assessment period **September**.
7. Winners notified **October**.
8. Winners of the BHERT Awards will be publicly announced at the Dinner on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at the Park Hyatt Melbourne. The winning group in each category will be presented with a trophy at the Awards Dinner, and their project will be showcased.

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