

2019 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 22nd 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.

There is no limit to the number of applications an institute can submit in the Expression of Interest category. Successful applicants in the EOI first round will be invited to make a formal application for the second round.

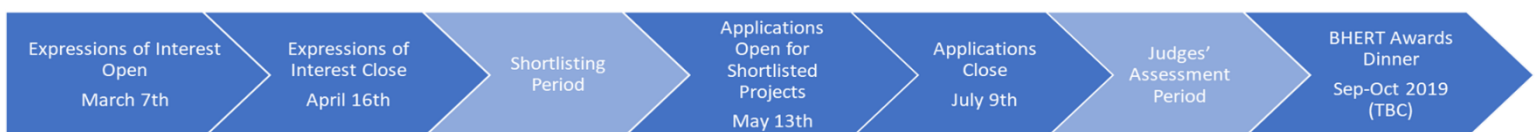
HOW TO APPLY?

The first stage of the process is the Expressions of Interest (EOI) stage. Applicants complete a one page EOI outlining the nature of their project, the collaborative partners and their roles, and the outcomes and impacts of their project. The EOI form can be found on the BHERT website, along with instructions on how to submit.

The EOIs will then be assessed and the top applicants in each category will be invited to complete a full application through our online portal.

WHEN TO APPLY?

Expressions of Interest open on Thursday, **March 7th** and close on Tuesday **April 16th**. Key application dates can be found in the graphic below, and on the next page.



WHEN WILL WINNERS BE ANNOUNCED?

The BHERT Awards Dinner will be held in the last quarter of 2019. 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 2019 BHERT Awards panel is chaired by **Mr John Grace AO 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 7th March**.
2. Expressions of Interest period closes, **Tuesday 16th April**.
3. Shortlisting period until **Friday 10th May**, successful applicants contacted.
4. Full Applications open for successful applicants, **Monday 13th May**.
5. Full Applications close **Tuesday 9th July, COB**. In order to ensure fairness to all applying parties, no extensions will be given.
6. Judges' Assessment period **July 15th to August 5th**.
7. Winners notified **late August**.
8. Winners of the BHERT Awards will be publicly announced at the BHERT Awards Dinner, to be held in **September-October 2019** (date to be confirmed). 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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