

2010 Excellence Award for Clinical Researchers on St Vincent's Campus



St Vincent's Clinic Foundation



Nomination Process and Guidelines

Clinical research is essential in the delivery of quality health care and is an integral part of health care delivery. The integration of research excellence with quality health care aims to improve the quality and safety of health care provided to our patients.

The St Vincent's Campus Excellence Awards for Clinical Researchers acknowledges the outstanding contribution of ***individual clinical researchers*** to the reputation of the St Vincent's Campus. The Awards recognise and encourage outstanding clinical researchers undertaking research in their field although the focus is on the attributes of the individual rather than a specific research project.

Five awards will be made in 2010 - One each in the following categories:

1. JMO/Registrar
2. Nursing
3. Allied Health
4. Hospital Scientist
5. Emerging Researcher

The winners will receive a certificate and a prize of \$1,500 to be used for professional development. The prize money will be paid to a nominated Trust Account and the standard procedures for accessing professional development opportunities will be followed.

Clinical Research is defined as the gathering of information about human beings (and organisations) through interviewing, surveying, questionnaires, observation of human behaviour, audio/video taping, administering tests or stimuli, collecting or using human tissue/bone/blood or other body fluids, conducting clinical trials and using archived data in which individuals are identifiable (SVH Research Policy June 2008).

Eligibility

The awards are open to researchers at St Vincent's Hospital, St Vincent's Private Hospital and St Vincent's Clinic.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Must be an employee of SVH or SVPH or accredited to St Vincent's Clinic
- Must participate in investigator initiated research (ie research that is not commercially driven/sponsored)
- Past recipients of these Awards are/will not be eligible to be nominated again for 5 years

Nomination Process

Nominations are required from 2 people. The first named nominator is responsible for coordinating the completion and submission of the nomination form.

- Self nominations will not be accepted.
- Late applications will not be accepted.

Nominations are to be sent to Samantha Newell via email snewell@stvincents.com.au

Selection Criteria

The nominations will be judged on the responses to the following criteria. Please respond in no more than 200 words per criterion.

1. Significance of the research in contributing to new knowledge and/or innovation and/or clinical care improvements
2. Evidence of commitment to research (max 3 examples)
3. Evidence of research leadership (max 3 examples)
4. Other examples of excellence that may assist the judges (max 3 examples)

The Awards will be decided by a Committee comprising of Prof David Cooper, Prof Sandy Middleton and Ms Grainne O'Loughlin. The decisions are final and there is no appeal of the outcomes.

2010 Excellence Award for Clinical Researchers on St Vincent's Campus

Nomination Form

1. Nominated Researcher Information

Nominee's Name:	
Position:	
Department/Unit:	

2. Nominator Details

First Nominator*:

The first-named nominator is responsible for co-ordinating the completion and submission of the nomination form to St Vincent's Clinic Executive Office via email snewell@stvincents.com.au. **Self-nominations will not be accepted.*

Name, Position & Organisation:	
Professional Relationship:	
Contact Details: (Email and Phone)	

Second Nominator:

Name, Position & Organisation:	
Professional Relationship:	

3. Nominator Testimonials

Each nominator must attach to this form a testimonial of approximately 200 words per criterion that:

- clearly identifies the aspects of the nominee's work that address the Award Selection Criteria outlined in the Guidelines;
- explains why the staff member deserves to be recognised for their research; and
- is signed and dated to certify that the details they have provided in support of the nomination are true and complete to the best of their knowledge.

Closing date for nominations is Wednesday, 28 July 2010 at 3.00pm

Successful applicants announced at the Sandra David Oration on 23 September 2010

