

Peter Sheehan Student Excellence in Research Award

The Faculty of Education has established the Peter Sheehan Student Excellence in Research Award to acknowledge and reward high quality research conducted by a doctoral student within the Faculty of Education.

A key criterion for this award is the contribution made to theoretical, practical and/or methodological knowledge in education. Preference will be given to studies which make a conceptual advance in educational theory, policy and practice, which point to the methods of improving educational practice or pioneer innovation, which contribute through disciplined research to knowledge on which new educational practices may be based, or which contribute to advances in methodology of educational research, evaluation and dissemination.

Other criteria include originality and thoroughness in carrying through the research and the quality of presentation of the work. Other things being equal, theses, which are judged readily adaptable to scholarly and professional dissemination, will be preferred. Given that the above criteria are met, no preference will be given to any particular substantive issues that might be addressed.

The first award will occur in 2009 and will include a monetary award of **\$3,000**. This award will be considered every two years.

AIM

The Peter Sheehan Student Excellence in Research Award celebrates high quality research which has had substantive impact both nationally and internationally.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a nominee must be a student from the Faculty of Education at ACU National and awarded a doctoral degree in the two years prior to 31st July 2009.

Thesis accepted for the degree after this date may be nominated for the next award to be considered in 2011.

GUIDELINES

The nomination must be accompanied by:

1. Report supporting the nomination and supported by Head of School
2. Copy of the Abstract
3. Full Examiners' Reports

Short-listed nominees will be requested to provide a full copy of thesis when required.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications close in the Associate Dean, RRTP's office and will be considered by a panel consisting of leading researchers from within and outside the Faculty of Education. The committee will be chaired by FRSC Committee Chair. For queries regarding this award, or to submit applications please forward to by email to: assocdeaned.rrtp@acu.edu.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 31st July 2009. Applicants will be notified of the result by 30th October 2009.

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