

# 2024 David Syme Research Prize

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### Introduction

The **David Syme Research Prize** was established following a donation from Mr David Syme in 1904 to the University of Melbourne. The annual prize rewards the best original research in Biology, Physics, Chemistry or Geology produced\* in Australia during the preceding two years. Preference will be given to original research of value in the industrial and commercial interests of Australia (ie. impact of the research on the discipline and more broadly). The David Syme Research Prize was first awarded in 1906.

*\* produced - for example published, received patents etc.*

**The David Syme Research Prize is awarded by nomination only. A letter of nomination must be submitted with your application.**

Please ensure that you have read and understood the Grant Scheme [Funding Guidelines](#).

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## Nomination Details

*\* indicates a required field*

**Are you currently employed at the University of Melbourne?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

### Nominee Details

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**Name \***

Title

First Name

Last Name

**Gender \***

- ☐ Female  
☐ Male

- ☐ Prefer not to disclose  
☐ Other:

- ☐ Non-binary

**Pronouns \***

- ☐ She/her  
☐ He/him  
☐ They/them

- ☐ Prefer not to disclose  
☐ Other:

**Do you identify as  
Aboriginal or Torres  
Strait Islander? \***

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**Faculty and School \***

**Position \***

**Primary Email \***

Must be an email address.

**Have you spent the  
equivalent of five full  
years out of the past  
seven in Australia? (if  
No, you are not eligible  
for nomination) \***

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

### External Nominee Details

**Name \***

Title

First Name

Last Name

**Gender \***

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☐ Male

- ☐ Prefer not to disclose  
☐ Other:

- ☐ Non-binary

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**Department \***

**Position \***

**Primary Email \***

Must be an email address.

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- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Joint Nominee Details (if applicable)

**Note: All joint nominees should submit their own application in SmartyGrants. Joint nominations will be judged as one candidate, as per the guidelines.**

**Joint nominee \***

Title First Name Last Name

**Organisation \***

Organisation Name

**Department \***

**Position \***

**Primary Email \***

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Letter of Nomination

**Nominator's details \***

Title First Name Last Name

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**Organisation \***

Organisation Name

**Position \*****Attach your Letter of Nomination here \***

Attach a file:

## Research Details & Statements

\* indicates a required field

### Research Details

**Title or Area of Research \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 20 words.

**Category of Application \***

- ☐ Physics
- ☐ Chemistry
- ☐ Biology
- ☐ Geology

Record of Original Research - up to 3 published works

**Please attach your published work \***

Attach a file:

**Additional published work (if applicable)**

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**Optional - Other submissions (if vital to the nomination e.g. unpublished results or manuscripts suitable for publication, from work during the relevant research period)**

Attach a file:

### Addressing the Statements

Following the guidelines, please provide the following statements:

**A plain English summary of the work \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

**A statement describing the main purpose and trend of the research. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

**A statement describing the scientific and commercial impact of the work.  
Reference to impact factors, citations, conference invitations, patents and  
consultancies should be made in this section. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 1500 words.

**A statement describing the originality and importance of the work. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

**A statement of the candidate's share in the work. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

### Curriculum Vitae

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#### Curriculum Vitae

Following the guidelines, please attach your summary Curriculum Vitae. Please ensure your CV includes details of your qualifications, when they were awarded and the name of the institution.

**Attach your CV here: \***

Attach a file:

**Optional supporting documents - If nominees consider that knowledge of the research program's development is considered necessary for the correct evaluation of the two-year record under assessment, the nomination may include a description of the research development period over the previous five years (prior to 31 December 2024). Please do not attach any published papers with the description.**

Attach a file:

### Submission Declaration

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**I certify that all details given on this application are correct. \***

☐ Yes

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