



# **SA CVRN Award for Cardiovascular Research Excellence**

## **2025 Guidelines and Application Form**

## Instructions to applicants

Please read the instructions carefully before completing the application form. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**Closing Date: 5pm 17 October 2025**

### Background

In 2025 we are pleased to offer the annual SA CVRN Awards for Cardiovascular Research to recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions to research in cardiovascular diseases, including diabetes, stroke and renal disease.

The SA CVRN Award for Cardiovascular Research Excellence recognises distinguished researchers for their life-long achievement and South Australian contribution to breakthroughs in cardiovascular disease.

Application for this Award is by nomination by a senior researcher, senior executive or peer in a similar or related field of research.

### Who can be nominated?

Any senior scientist, researcher, clinician or health services specialist currently working within SA who has made outstanding contributions to cardiovascular research, has a proven track record of collaborations, and evidence of successful translated outcomes, in at least the last 10 years.

### Selection criteria

Excellence in research achievement in cardiovascular research as demonstrated by the researcher's track record.

This must include, but is not limited to:

- A demonstrated and distinguished career of research excellence in medical, clinical, public health or basic sciences, cited publications in peer reviewed journals, competitive research grant success, awards and prizes and other examples of research productivity, over at least the last ten years based on academic and employment record.
- Contribution to enhancing the CVD research environment in SA.
- A track record of successful research collaborations.
- Successfully translated research outcomes which have contributed to health outcomes.
- Demonstrated contribution to providing an excellent research training environment and exemplary mentorship to nurture early-mid career researchers.

### Eligibility criteria

The Research Excellence Award is open to residents of SA working on research in cardiovascular disciplines, including diabetes, stroke and renal disease.

#### Note:

- Only individual researchers are eligible (not research teams).
- The Nominee must be a member of the SA Cardiovascular Research Network (SA CVRN). If you are not a member of the SA CVRN, it is free to [join](#).
- Nominees should currently be working in SA and be committed to carrying out their research/work in SA in 2025.
- Nominees must either be permanent residents or citizens of Australia.
- Self-nominations are not eligible.
- The winner is expected to attend the Awards Ceremony, 1 December 2025, unless extenuating circumstances will prevent attendance.

### Nomination requirements

Nominators of individuals for the award should hold a senior research or executive position and be from a similar or related field to that of the nominee.

Nomination forms should be completed by the Nominator and Nominee.

A completed form should include:

- Nominator's reference and statement
- An outline by the Nominee of their research
- Nominee's full resume or curriculum vitae and key publications (maximum 5 pages), completed by the Nominee
- Names and contact details of 2 referees.

Entries with insufficient documentation or documentation in excess of requirements, or those received after the closing date, will not be considered. Submitted material will not be returned.

## **Selection procedure**

The SA CVRN Award Review Committee may include representatives from the CVD research community, both within SA and nationally. The degree and value of the contribution, collaborations and research translation rather than merely length of service, is the primary focus of the Review Committee's consideration.

The Review Committee will shortlist applicants against the selection criteria. From the shortlist, the Review Committee will reach their decision on the recipient of this award solely on the material submitted by the nominees and nominators and in some circumstances a testimonial provided by their nominated referees. The deliberations of the Review Committee will remain confidential. The decisions of the Review Committee in the selection of the Award recipients are final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

## **Referees**

If required, the Review Committee may contact referees who would be in a position to comment directly on the Nominee's service.

## **Award**

The recipient of the SA CVRN Award for Cardiovascular Research Excellence will receive a framed certificate and plaque alongside public and peer recognition at the SA CVRN Awards Ceremony.

## **Privacy legislation**

Individuals, investigators or research institutions associated with SA CVRN Awards shall abide by the current NHMRC Guidelines issued pursuant to Section 95 of the Privacy Act 1988. All applications will be treated confidentially and will only be viewed by assessors, review committees, and SA CVRN staff.

## **Closing date**

All nominations must be received by 5pm ACST on Friday 17 October 2025. Following receipt, each nomination will be thoroughly checked, and referees contacted as necessary. When all relevant information has been obtained, the nomination is submitted to the Review Committee for consideration.

## **When are recipients advised?**

Shortlisted applicants will be notified approximately 4 weeks prior to the Awards Ceremony. Shortlisted applicants may be requested to participate in promoting and marketing of the Awards, prior to the Ceremony.

The winner of the Award will be announced at the SA CVRN Awards Ceremony, and following the Awards, the recipient will be advised officially in writing of the offer of the award. The name of the successful Nominee will be published on the SA CVRN, Heart Foundation Website.

The SA CVRN Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday 1 December 2025.

## **Are nominators advised**

Nominators are advised of the outcome of their nomination coincident with notification of shortlisted applicants.

## **More information or help**

If you have any questions or require guidance, please contact [sacvrn@heartfoundation.org.au](mailto:sacvrn@heartfoundation.org.au)

Nomination Form

Nominee Details

Title  First Name  Surname

Current Appointment

Current Institution

Degrees and Decorations

Preferred contact number  Email

Research Area (Basic-Biomedical/ Clinical Medicine and Science / Public Health)

Current Research Interests (key phrases only)

Signature

Date

Nominator's Details

Please provide your contact details to enable officers of the Review Committee to seek further information, if required.

Title  First Name  Surname

Current Appointment

Current Institution

Degrees and Decorations

Preferred contact number  Email

Describe the nature of the Nominator's relationship with their Nominee

Signature

Date  /  /

**Nominator's Reference - to be completed by the Nominator**

Briefly outline how the nominee has made a significant positive impact on the cardiovascular health of SA community members. Include a statement in your own words about why you think the person should be singled out for special recognition by this Award.

**Maximum 200 words**

## Nominee's Statement - to be completed by the Nominee

Please provide a statement which addresses why the nominee's contributions to cardiovascular scientific/medical research are outstanding.

### You may wish to consider:

- Track record of research excellence in cardiovascular, medical, clinical or basic science based on academic and employment record, cited publications in peer reviewed journals, research and award grant success, and other examples of research productivity.
- Specific contributions to enhancing the research environment in SA.
- Track record of successful research collaborations.
- Research translation into health outcomes.
- The degree, value and significance of the contribution to health outcomes, collaborations and research translation above and beyond the nominee's peers.
- Contribution to providing an excellent research training environment and exemplary mentorship to nurture early-mid career researchers

**(Maximum 2 pages)**





## Completing and Submitting Nomination

Please complete this Nomination Form including contact details of the Nominee and Nominator, the Nominator's Reference and Nominator Statement.

### Please attach:

☐ A full resume or curriculum vitae for the Nominee including a list of key publications (5 pages max)

☐ Names and contact details of two referees.

Please include:

- Nominee's and Nominator's contact details
- Nominator's Reference Statement
- Nominee's Statement.
- Nominee's curriculum vitae, including a list of key publications (max 5 pages)
- Names and contact detail of two referees.

Incomplete submissions will not be considered by the Selection Committee.

**To Submit: email to [sacvrn@heartfoundation.org.au](mailto:sacvrn@heartfoundation.org.au)**

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