



## 1 INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 The Marles Medal in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine (STEMM) and the Marles Medal in Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) (collectively 'The Marles Medal') have been established in 2020 to complement the Woodward Medal (est. 2001). The Marles Medal recognises excellence in research impact, which may include an effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health and wellbeing, the environment or quality of life beyond academia.
- 1.2 Up to two Research Impact Medals awarded annually to two University of Melbourne employees in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine (STEMM) or Humanities and Social Sciences for the most significant demonstrable contribution their excellent and original research has made to society, the economy and environment, in the preceding ten years.
- 1.3 The award of the Medal is overseen by Chancellery (Research and Enterprise) and administered by Research, Innovation and Commercialization (RIC) in conjunction with Academic Divisions. Each medal is awarded on the recommendation of a separate selection committee (Humanities and Social Sciences, and STEMM) comprising the chair (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) or delegate) and a minimum of four members of academic staff. The selection committees recommend the recipients of the award to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Vice-Chancellor, for their endorsement.
- 1.4 The physical Medals are presented during a graduation ceremony and the cash award of \$10,000 each for STEMM and Humanities and Social Sciences is provided by the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

## 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Candidates must be employees of the University of Melbourne at the time of application.
- 2.2 For 2021 nominations, the relevant period of impact must be between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2020. However, acknowledging the lead-times to impact, the original research need not fall within this period.
- 2.3 In determining awards, preference will be given to nominees who have not previously been awarded a Marles or Woodward Medal.
- 2.4 The same person may not be nominated for both a Woodward Medal and a Marles Medal in the same year.
- 2.5 Nominations for this award must include the original research upon which the impact is based. Evidence of clinical trials and translation will be considered as evidence in the pathway to impact but are insufficient on their own to sustain a nomination.
- 2.6 Evidence of the original research may take the form of publication via a book, a refereed journal article or a suite of related books, patents and/or articles published electronically or in hard copy, or other creative work published in an appropriate digital medium. Applications may include up to but no more than three items for review.
- 2.7 Applications must articulate and evidence the impact of the original research beyond the academy, which may include an effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services,

health and wellbeing, the environment, or quality of life beyond academia. Applications should provide evidence for the impact, and clear linkages between the original research, the impact and the efforts of the nominee.

- 2.7 Although not mandatory, preference will be given to original research completed at the University of Melbourne.
- 2.8 Members of staff must be nominated by a colleague. The nominator must provide a statement about the nature of the original research, the pathway, extent and evidence of the impact and the impact efforts of the nominated individual. If the nominator is not an expert in the candidate's field, another expert may be identified to complete this statement.
- 2.9 Where the nominated publication is a multi-authored work, the candidate must explicitly clarify their individual contribution.

### 3 APPLICATION PROCESS

- 3.1 Applications submitted will not be checked by RIC for completeness or eligibility prior to final lodgment; this is the responsibility of the applicant. Ineligible or incomplete applications will be excluded and not considered by the Committees.
- 3.2 Nominations are to be submitted via the SmartyGrants portal. Digital access to the work under consideration is preferred, however, any essential hard copy books or journals can be sent to:

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 Level 4, 161 Barry Street (Alan Gilbert Building)  
 Carlton, VIC 3010

### 4 EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 On the basis of the documentation provided, the selection committee will determine which nomination is considered to have made the most significant research impact in STEMM or humanities and social sciences.
- 4.2 Applications are assessed by one of two selection committees depending on the nomination stream (i.e. Humanities and Social Sciences or Science and Technology). Both committees are appointed and chaired by a nominee of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
- 4.3 In exceptional cases, selection committees may decide to share an award between two candidates.
- 4.4 If an appropriate awardee cannot be identified for one of the medals, the relevant selection committee may choose not to award a medal that year.

### 5 KEY DATES

- **Friday 3 July 2021: Release of Funding Guidelines and application portal.**
- **Wednesday 8 September 2021, 3pm: Final nominations due to RIC**
- **October 2021: The selection committees meet and recommend nominations to the DVCR and VC.**
- **November 2021: Outcomes announced. Winners will be individually notified prior to the broad release of results.**