



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') were 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 The Marles Medals are awarded annually to two University of Melbourne employees in STEMM or HASS fields respectively for the significant impact and demonstrable contribution their original research has made 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 Commercialisation (RIC) in conjunction with Academic Divisions. Each Medal is awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee (HASS/STEMM) comprising the Chair (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) or delegate) and a minimum of four senior members of academic staff. The selection committees recommend the recipients of the award to the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) for their endorsement.
- 1.4 The physical Medals are presented during a graduation ceremony and the cash award of \$10,000 each for each Marles Medal is provided by the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Nominees must be employees of the University of Melbourne at the time of application.
- 2.2 For 2022 nominations, the relevant period of demonstrated research impact must be between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2021. However, acknowledging the lead times to impact, the original research need not fall within this period.
- 2.3 In determining the 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 Honorary appointees whose primary academic affiliation is the University of Melbourne are eligible to apply if they satisfy all other eligibility criteria and their application relates to research impact occurring in the timeframe set out above at 2.2.
- 2.6 Nominations for this award must include the original research upon which the impact is based. Evidence of clinical trials and research translation will be considered as evidence in the pathway to impact but are insufficient on their own to sustain a nomination.
- 2.7 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.

- 2.8 Nominations must articulate and demonstrate 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 of the impact, and show clear linkages between the original research, the impact, and the contribution of the nominee.
- 2.9 Members of staff must be nominated by a colleague ('internal nomination') and the nomination signed-off by the Dean of the nominee's Academic Division or relevant Head of School. The internal nomination must provide a statement about the nature of the original research, the pathway, extent and evidence of the impact and the impact of the specific contribution 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.
- 2.10 The nomination should also include a supporting statement from an independent expert who is external to the University, such as a preeminent researcher in the field or a publisher ('external nomination statement'). If there is no external expert available, this should be noted in the internal nomination statement and the selection committee will only rely on the internal nomination statement.
- 2.11 In the situation of research impact generated by a research team or through collaborative research, the same original research and impact can be nominated for the Marles Medal by multiple members of the team/collaborators. Each researcher should submit an individual nomination form that references the other researchers/collaborators. The nomination support letters can be the same and publication attachments must be the same. Each nominee must explicitly detail their individual contribution to the research and the publications(s), and research impact. If awarded the Medal, the award and prize will be shared equally across the team/collaboration members.
- 2.12 Where an individual is nominated and a publication is a multi-authored work, the nominee must explicitly detail their individual contribution.
- 2.13 In the scenario of a dual nomination for co-authored works, the co-author may have an honorary appointment to the University.

3. NOMINATION 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:

Researcher Development Schemes (APPII)
 Research, Innovation and Commercialisation
 Level 4, 161 Barry Street (Alan Gilbert Building)
 Carlton, VIC 3010

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 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 HASS.

5. EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 Applications are assessed by one of two selection committees depending on the nomination stream (i.e. HASS or STEMM). Both committees are appointed and chaired by a delegate of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).
- 5.2 As a reflection of the Marles Medal's significance and purpose within the University's recognition and reward system, the selection committee may give preference to demonstrated research impact based on original research undertaken at the University of Melbourne, and/or where the pathway to research impact substantially progressed while at the University of Melbourne.
- 5.3 In exceptional cases, selection committees may decide to share an award between two candidates.
- 5.4 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.

6. KEY DATES

- **May 13 2022: Release of Funding Guidelines and application portal.**
- **July 11, 3pm: Final nominations due to RIC via SmartyGrants**
- **August 2022: The selection committees meet and recommend nominations to the DVCR and VC.**
- **September 2022: Outcomes announced. Winners will be individually notified prior to the wider release of results.**