

CSL Florey Next Generation Award 2018 Finalists Announced

The Australian Institute of Politics and Science has announced the three finalists for the 2018 CSL Florey Next Generation Award.

This award, to be bestowed bi-annually, is for Australia's most promising up-and-coming medical researcher.

It is offered to current PhD candidates who have demonstrated outstanding capability, creativity and potential in the biomedical sciences and/or health and medical research.

Nominees must have completed a majority of their PhD research in Australia and currently be residing here. Nominations are restricted to two per research institution.

The 2018 finalists are:

Mr Hamish Graham – Murdoch Children's Research Institute

Hamish's work in Nigeria is to make oxygen treatment available to every child who needs it, ending unnecessary deaths from treatable conditions like pneumonia.

Ms Naomi Clarke – Australian National University

Naomi's work on intestinal worm infections in children living in rural Timor Leste can kickstart a global treatment campaign addressing this neglected tropical disease and empowering affected communities through better health.

Mr Dean Picone – Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania

Dean is developing a new device that will measure blood pressure with much higher accuracy and sensitivity than current methods, leading to smarter diagnosis and fewer heart attacks and strokes.

The winner of the CSL Florey Next Generation Award will be announced at the Australian Association of Medical Research Institutes (AAMRI) annual gala dinner in Parliament House, Canberra on 26th November 2018.

The award includes an unrestricted grant of \$20,000 plus a professional development program.

The finalists were chosen by an independent selection committee comprising

- Prof Michael F Good Senior Principal Research Fellow, Institute for Glycomics, Griffith University – Selection Committee Chair
- Professor Prue Hart, Principal Research Fellow and Professor, Telethon Kids Institute, University of Western Australia.
- Professor Anne Kelso, Chief Executive Officer, National Health and Medical Research Council.
- Prof Stephen Kent, Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology, Peter Doherty Institute, University of Melbourne.
- Professor Ranjeny Thomas, Arthritis Qld Chair of Rheumatology, The University of Queensland Diamantina Institute.
- Professor Georgia Trench, Senior Scientist, Cancer Genetics, QIMR Berghofer.
- Dr Peter Thomas, Director, Policy & Operations, Australian Association of Medical Research Institutes (AAMRI).

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