



Brendon Hyde Prize for the Best PhD Thesis of the Year

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

- a. The Prize is awarded to a top-ranked Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidate from the School of Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, in recognition of the best PhD thesis of the year.
- b. The Prize is awarded annually to eligible students who completed their PhD degree between 1 August of the previous year and 31 July of the year of award.
- c. The Prize has been established by a donation from Brendon Hyde to the University of Sydney to support biomedical engineering.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- a. To be considered eligible for this Prize, students must have been enrolled in a PhD within the School of Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering at the University of Sydney.
- b. Students must have received University of Sydney notification of successful completion of their PhD degree between 31 July of the previous year and 1 August of the year of award.

3. Selection Criteria

- a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Prize on the basis of:
 - I. Applicant's contribution to the research output - Overall originality, quality and impact of the research, as assessed by the thesis examiners.
 - II. Quality and quantity of outputs directly related to the research, including but not limited to:
 - i. Peer-reviewed publications (published and/or accepted);
 - ii. Published journal cover pages;
 - iii. Patents;
 - iv. Conference awards (e.g. funding, best paper, best presentation);
 - v. Early Career Research grants or funding secured by the applicant.
 - vi. Other relevant evidence of contribution to the advancement of knowledge and/or impact in the field.
 - III. A letter of support from one of the applicant's main supervisors (either primary supervisor or co-supervisor), directly addressing the applicant's body of work and its contribution to the field and wider impact.

The Prize will be awarded by a selection committee - chaired by the School of Biomedical Engineering and comprising academics from School of Biomedical Engineering. The final decision rests with the Head of School, School of Biomedical Engineering.



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4. Value

- a. This Prize is valued at \$3,000 and will be paid as a one-off payment.
- b. If more than one student is of equal merit, the value of the prize will be equally shared.

5. Termination

- a. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Prize, if the University determines that the student is guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information that has a relationship to the awarding of this Prize.
- b. Once withdrawn the Prize will not be reinstated unless due to University error.

6. Other Requirements

- a. Prize recipients must consent to have a photo of their award presentation and certificate provided by the School of Biomedical Engineering. This will be used in the BME School Newsletter and possible social media posts for School communications and outreach.