

The University of Sydney Nano Institute Taste of Research Award

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

- a. The University of Sydney Nano Institute (Sydney Nano) is dedicated to the support of researcher development, embracing diversity in all forms and welcoming researchers at any career stage.
- b. The University of Sydney Nano Institute Taste of Research Award creates an opportunity for undergraduate students to experience a research environment and for the next generation of research leaders to emerge.
- c. The Taste of Research Award (AU\$3,000) is open to all high calibre undergraduate coursework students undertaking research that relates to the fields of nanoscience and nanotechnology under the supervision of academics who are Members of Sydney Nano.
- d. Successful candidates will develop research skills, gain experience, and contribute to finding real-world solutions through a six-week period of research on a full-time basis. (Exact dates to be agreed with the academic host based on their availability.)
- e. This award encourages students to undertake early research experiences in fields relating to nanoscience and nanotechnology.

2. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must be currently enrolled at the University of Sydney as an undergraduate coursework student. And are still eligible to apply when on a gap year.
- b. Applicants who have been previously awarded a Taste of Research Award are eligible to apply in subsequent rounds.
- c. Applicants cannot accept a concurrent research scholarship (for example a Denison Research Scholarship).
- d. Applicants must hold a Sydney Student account.
- e. The nominated academic host must be a Member of Sydney Nano (if you are unsure, please check the academic profile of your host or simply ask them directly).
- f. Applicants are to organise timing of their six-week placement with their academic host based on their availability. Either between January to February (if awarded in November), or June to mid-August (if awarded in May).

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- g. The applicant must not be an honours student participating in research within their own group while currently enrolled as an honours student.

3. Selection

- a. The applicant must address all necessary information in the online application form.
- b. The selection will be made by the Selection Committee based on the following criteria:
1. Contribution of the award towards the career development of the applicant. (50%)
 2. Demonstrated academic capabilities of the applicant. (25%)
 3. Research project alignment to [Sydney Nano's strategy](#), mission, and values. (25%)
- c. The Selection Committee may attribute alignment with the University's Collective Excellence 2028 (CE28) program as an influencing factor in their selection.
- d. The Selection Committee will comprise of the Sydney Nano Director and General Manager and one Student Ambassador.

4. Value & Expectations

- a. The University of Sydney Nano Institute Taste of Research Award is valued AU\$3,000.
- b. The award will be paid in two payments to the student's Sydney Student account; \$2,000 on award and \$1,000 on submission of their experience report. The student is to ensure their bank details on Sydney Student are correct.
- c. The student is to provide an experience report to Sydney Nano after finalising their six-week research engagement. Report to be emailed to sydneynano.admin@sydney.edu.au.
- d. The report should be 3 – 5 pages in length and structured as follows:
- **Description** of the experience
 - **Feelings** and thoughts about the experience
 - **Evaluation** of the experience, both good and bad
 - **Analysis** to make sense of the situation
 - **Conclusion** about what you learned and what you could have done differently
 - **Action plan** for how you would deal with similar situations in the future, or general changes you might find appropriate.
- e. Any output must include an acknowledgement of Sydney Nano according to the University of Sydney Nano Institute [Nomenclature Protocol](#).