

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 nanoscience and critical and emerging technologies 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.)

This award encourages students to undertake early research experiences in fields relating to nanoscience and critical and emerging technologies.

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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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 at AU\$3,000.
- b. The award will be paid in two instalments to the awardee's Sydney Student account; the first payment on award and the second payment on submission of their experience report. The payment schedule will be provided in the offer letter. 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](#).