

PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION AWARDS

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The Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) ACT Division, in partnership with the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science and the Public Sector Innovation Network (PSIN), is calling for nominations for the 2017 Public Sector Innovation Awards (the Awards).

The Awards are held annually to recognise, celebrate and share innovation in the Australian Public Service (APS) and ACT Public Service.

PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

A successful public service is one that can find new and better ways of doing things, and that can solve problems in new ways.

It is one where new ideas are tried and tested, and where old approaches are phased out and replaced with new, more suitable and effective methods. It is one that is innovative.

The Awards were created to better recognise and celebrate the innovative work that occurs within the public sector.

The Awards provide a platform to share and showcase innovation across the public service, and to encourage others to adopt more innovative approaches to public administration.

WHY NOMINATE?

Have you, or someone you work with, been involved with trying to improve the work of the public sector? The Awards are seeking to recognise such efforts, to help:

- highlight innovation within the public sector;
- spread the good ideas that have been put into practice, and the lessons learnt; and
- foster a culture that supports and celebrates people and agencies doing things differently.

KEY DATES

1 March – nominations open

Visit www.act.ipaa.org.au/innovation-awards to access the nomination form online.

13 April – nominations close

Nominations are 'light touch' with four criteria and four supporting statements.

7 June – finalists announced

Finalists will be announced for each category, based on initial assessment.

21 June - finalist presentations

Finalists for each category will present a five-minute pitch to a panel of independent judges, including a discussion about their nomination.

26 July (TBC) – awards winners announced

The winners of each category will be announced at a function as part of Innovation Month in July.



"The ideas boom is limited only by our imagination and our enterprise ... I want the APS to be a part of that boom."

Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, April 2016



AWARD CATEGORIES

Awards will be given in three categories:

1 - INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

We took an idea and tried something different!

Recognising a new or improved solution to an existing problem. The solution may relate to process, service delivery, programmes, policy or regulatory approaches. It may be a new method or way of thinking or engaging others.

2 - CULTURE AND PRACTICE

The people part – the key to innovation...

Recognising initiatives or contributions that help strengthen the culture and capability for innovation. This may be about supporting the innovation process, engaging or empowering staff, or demonstrating the spirit of innovation

3 - DIGITAL AND DATA

Digital, data, online and technology to innovate...

Initiatives that use digital and data to deliver a fundamentally new offering or provide significantly improved services to and interactions with citizens.

THE JUDGES' AWARD

A new award has been added for 2017. The Judges' Award will be given to a nomination from any of the above categories that stands out from the crowd. It could be a disruptor, a start-up, or something that little bit different!

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual, work unit, group or team of a Commonwealth or ACT Government entity may nominate an initiative for the Awards.

Nominations can either be for yourself and any others involved in the relevant work, or for colleagues that you have seen delivering an innovation initiative (with their permission)

Eligible initiatives can be large in scale and impact, or small and relate to incremental improvements.

Nominations can be in the early stages of implementation through to well-established initiatives. Nominations are also encouraged for projects that may not have been successful (for whatever reason), but where there were valuable lessons or insights that will inform future attempts.

It is at the discretion of the nominating organisation as to whether nominations are managed centrally or devolved. However, all nominations must be endorsed by an SES officer (or equivalent).

ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION

Nominations will be shortlisted through an assessment process, with shortlisted applicants to give a presentation to a panel of judges in June 2017.

In submitting a nomination, nominees agree that information and images from their nomination may be used by IPAA and the PSIN to promote the Awards, including case studies and presentations on the nomination.

Applicants may also be asked to share their nomination with academics for research purposes.

FURTHER INFORMATION

All information required to prepare a nomination is available online at:

www.act.ipaa.org.au/innovation-awards

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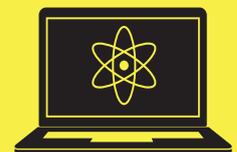
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“Innovation starts with each and every one of us. No matter what level we are or what department or agency we work in...”

Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM, December 2016



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