



Public Sector Innovation Awards

Invitation to nominate 2020



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The Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) in partnership with the Public Sector Innovation Network (PSIN) are calling for nominations for the 2020 Public Sector Innovation Awards (the Awards).

The Awards have been held annually since 2016 to recognise, share and celebrate innovation in the Australian Public Service and the ACT Public Service.

Purpose of the Awards

The Public Sector Innovation Awards were created to better recognise and celebrate the innovative work that occurs within the public service.

They provide a platform to share creative and collaborative practices 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 in trying to improve the work of the public sector? The Awards are seeking to recognise such efforts and:

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

Assessment and recognition

- Nominations will be shortlisted through an assessment process. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to present to a panel of judges on 21 July 2020.
- In submitting a nomination, nominees agree that information and images from their nomination may be used by IPAA and PSIN to promote the Awards and public sector innovation. Applicants may also be asked to share their nomination with academics and the OECD for research purposes.

Key dates

16 March	Nominations open
15 May	Nominations close Assessment begins
22 June	Assessment ends Finalists announced
2 July	Launch of Innovation Month
10 July	Pitch training for finalists
21 July	The Pitch presentations from finalists
30 July	Awards Ceremony at Questacon

Awards categories

Awards will be given in three categories:

1. Citizen-centred Innovation

Innovation which has the citizen at the centre

Working with citizens to design and deliver innovative public services. This involves getting to the heart of the citizen's need to personalise and ultimately improve the citizen's experience when interacting with government agencies.

2. Culture and Capability

The people part – the key to innovation

Initiatives or contributions that help strengthen the culture and capability for innovation – to develop a mindset where doing things better is a daily habit. This is about engaging or empowering staff to think big, aim high and experiment.

3. Digital and Data

Digital, data and technology to innovate

Initiatives that harness digital and data - perhaps from disparate technologies or datasets - to deliver a fundamentally new offering and/or provide significantly better public services.

Judges' Award

The Judges' Award will be given to a nomination from any category that stands out from the crowd. It could be a disruptor, a start-up, an experimental trial (even an 'honourable failure'). Or just something a bit different!

Eligibility

Any individual or team of a Commonwealth or ACT Government entity may nominate an initiative for the Awards, with each agency limited to three strong nominations, if possible.

Nominations can be for yourself and others involved in the relevant work, or for colleagues that you have seen doing innovative initiatives (with their permission). They can be large in scale and impact, or small and related to iterative, innovative work.

Nominations may be for initiatives that are new or well-established. We encourage innovations that may not have been successful 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. However, all nominations must be endorsed by an SES officer (or equivalent).

Further information

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

act.ipaa.org.au/innovation-awards

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