

Faculty of Science
The University of Melbourne

DAVID SYME RESEARCH PRIZE - 2009

A donation was made by David Syme of Melbourne in 1904 for the foundation of a prize to be awarded annually for the best original research work in Biology, Chemistry, Geology or Physics produced in Australia during the preceding two years, preference being given to work of value in the industrial and commercial interests. Applicants from outside the University of Melbourne who have not yet attained a level of seniority comparable to a University Professor are especially welcome.

Candidates for the prize must have spent a minimum of five out of the last seven years in Australia and Professors are ineligible to apply.

The record of original research submitted by a candidate shall consist of papers published in the two years immediately preceding the date on which entries for the prize close, with the optional addition of manuscripts suitable for publication embodying unpublished results of work carried out during the same period. Early career researchers, or researchers with interrupted careers, who can display superb work being undertaken in the past two years, are welcome to apply. Where candidates consider that knowledge of their previous work is necessary for the correct evaluation of the two year record, they may also submit a brief published or unpublished account of such prior work.

The record of original research submitted by a candidate may be in whole, or in part, the embodiment of work carried out in collaboration with other persons whether or not such persons are candidates for the prize. A brief and clear explanation of the applicant's role and relative contribution to any multi-author publications must be provided and examiners shall take such steps as they think fit to assess the value of each candidate's share of such joint work.

Where two or more persons who are eligible for the prize wish to become candidates in respect of research which is wholly their joint work, they shall submit a record which shall be judged as though they are one candidate. If the prize is awarded in respect of such record, they shall each receive a medal and shall equally share in the prize money.

If two or more records of original research of equal merit are submitted and the examiners are unable to determine which of them constitutes the most important contribution to the relevant branch of Science, the prize may be shared between the persons submitting such records or original research.

The prize will consist of an award of approximately \$8,000 and a bronze medallion which will be awarded to the successful candidate at the Dean's Awards Ceremony in May 2010.

An original and three copies of publications and manuscripts should be submitted with your application to:

Mr Kevin Kirk, Faculty of Science,
The University of Melbourne
Victoria 3010

Closing Date: **Friday 4 December 2009**

Please refer to the Application Form available by searching for "David Syme" via the Faculty of Science Scholarships web site at:

<http://www.science.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships.php>