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Applications NOW OPEN for the 2019 Centenary Institute's Medical Innovation Awards.

Applications are invited from Australia's promising and inspiring young biomedical scientists for the 2019 Centenary Institute Medical Innovation Awards with a prize pool in excess of \$50,000.

Hosted by the Centenary Institute, the Awards are open to researchers from any institute or university in Australia and aim to promote innovation and creativity in the medical research sector.

The Centenary Institute is dedicated to supporting the medical research sector as a whole, and firmly believes in encouraging scientific innovation in our field. These Awards not only celebrate the achievements of the brilliant young scientific minds in Australia, but also encourage a domestic culture of scientific excellence." says Centenary Institute Executive Director, Professor Mathew Vadas AO.

Since their inception in 2011, the Awards have recognised some of our nation's most inspirational young post-doctoral scientists and provided a catalyst for them to gain wider recognition for their research projects, particularly in the funding arena.

Dr Kate McArthur from Monash University in Victoria was awarded the 2018 *In Memory of Neil Lawrence Prize* for her ground-breaking research utilising an imaging technique called lattice light-sheet microscopy (LLSM) to genetically engineer a system which has allowed her to document what exactly takes place during cell "suicide" – a process fundamental to the human body's development. Her discovery could have practical implications for a wide range of inflammatory and autoimmune diseases, such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.

"An award like this, particularly for early career researchers, is unbelievable. It can be very difficult to get funding this early in your career. Awards like this help us convince the 'big guys' our ideas have merit, and that people are excited and interested in them." said Dr McArthur.

The 1st place \$30,000 *In Memory of Neil Lawrence Prize*, proudly sponsored by Commonwealth Private, will be presented to the biomedical research scientist based in Australia who demonstrates the most creative and innovative approach to their research concept. The researcher positioned in 2nd place will receive the *Bayer Innovation Award* of \$15,000.

The Harvard Club of Australia Foundation will provide a \$5,000 Travel Prize to one of the finalists to undertake a study tour to Harvard University in Boston, USA.

The People's Choice Award will enable the Australian public to engage with the Awards, having the opportunity to vote in the \$2,000 *People's Choice Award*.

Applications close on Friday, 5th July, 2019. Full details, including how to apply, can be found at www.centenary.org.au/cimia.

For further information, please contact Karen McBrien, Centenary Institute, on 0408 601 836.

For more information about Centenary Institute, visit www.centenary.org.au.

About the Centenary Institute

The Centenary Institute is a world-leading independent medical research institute, closely affiliated to the University of Sydney and the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Our research focuses on three key areas: cancer, inflammation and cardiovascular disease. Our strength lays in uncovering disease mechanisms and applying this knowledge to improve diagnostics and treatments for patients.

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