



Department of
**Energy and Economic
Diversification**

2026 Nominator Information Pack

Western Australian Science Hall of Fame

Nomination closing date: Monday, 11 May 2026 at 4:00PM (AWST)

Nominations must be submitted online at <https://psa.grantplatform.com> by the nomination closing date.

Late nominations or changes to nominations will not be accepted after the nomination closing date.

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Introduction

The Western Australian Science Hall of Fame was established in 2007 to recognise exceptional lifelong contributions from Western Australians to science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM).

Each year, members of the community are invited to nominate outstanding Western Australians who are pre-eminent in their field to be considered for induction into the WA Science Hall of Fame.

The WA Science Hall of Fame program sits alongside the Premier's Science Awards.

The Premier's Science Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of Western Australia's science community. Award recipients exemplify outstanding scientific research, science engagement, STEM education and study efforts taking place across the State.

The Awards are a proud initiative of the Western Australian Government and are supported by:

- Gold Sponsors: Shell and Woodside
- Silver Sponsor: DUG
- Bronze Sponsors: BioCina, CSIRO, Fogarty Foundation and Orthocell
- University Sponsors: Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and The University of Western Australia
- Sector Sponsor: The Kids Research Institute Australia
- Community Partner: Scitech
- Media Partner: The West Australian

Nomination process

Nominations are to be completed by the nominator. Please consult with the nominee to ensure accuracy in the content provided.

To nominate a candidate for the Western Australian Science Hall of Fame, please ensure that:

- they meet the eligibility criteria
- you address the selection criteria.

The selection of the WA Science Hall of Fame inductee is a competitive process and comparability across nominations is essential.

The nominator must ensure that:

- All required documentation is included
- The required format is followed
- Word limits are observed

Documentation required for all WA Science Hall of Fame nominations is a:

- Completed online nomination
- Curriculum Vitae

Nominations must be submitted and endorsed online at <https://psa.grantplatform.com> before the closing date and time. Late nominations or amendments will not be accepted.

Nominations that do not comply with the requirements will be deemed ineligible.

Step 1: Nomination details

Nominator details

Nominators are required to provide their:

- personal details
- institution or organisation details
- statement addressing the eligibility criteria (Step 2)

Nominee details

Nominators are required to provide the nominees:

- personal details
- institution or organisation details
- Achievement Summary.

Achievement Summary

Nominators are required to provide an achievement summary, which is a third person narrative that conveys the importance and value of the nominee's research and achievements to a layperson.

It should include the nominee's:

- name
- title
- organisation
- key elements of responses to the selection criteria.

Word limit: 300 words

If announced as the inductee, the biography used in all promotional material draws from the Achievement Summary.

Step 2: Eligibility criteria

Nominations will be evaluated for eligibility against the general eligibility criteria.

General eligibility criteria

Nominators must:

- Complete the online nomination form for the WA Science Hall of Fame
- Confirm that the nominee meets all Eligibility and Selection Criteria
- Submit the nomination via the submission portal prior to the nomination closing date
- Declare any perceived, potential or actual conflicts of interest
- Permit submitted material to be used for assessment and promotional purposes.

To be admitted to the Western Australian Science Hall of Fame, the nominee must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- be currently residing in Western Australia
- have undertaken a substantial portion of their work in Western Australia
- not already be admitted to the WA Science Hall of Fame.

Previous nominees may be re-nominated ensuring their submission reflects current guidelines and evaluation criteria.

Eligibility statement

Nominators are required to provide an eligibility statement that provides further information on the location of the nominee's work including any reasoning for out of state placement.

Word limit: 100 words

Step 3: Selection criteria

Nominations must explain why the nominee should be inducted into the Western Australian Science Hall of Fame. Describe the nominee's standing in science and their contribution to developing science in Western Australia.

Eligible nominations will be evaluated against the selection criteria in the online form.

Please explain how the nominee:

- 1. Has a substantial track record as a scientist**
- 2. Is internationally renowned in their field**
- 3. Has been instrumental in developing a school of thought and/or policy in WA**
- 4. Is engaged in outreach**
- 5. Has been influential in the mentorship of others through developing the careers of STEM practitioners**
- 6. Is of high stature through membership of a learned academies, or similar memberships and/or affiliations**

Attachments

All nominations must include clearly referenced and relevant supporting attachments including:

- a Curriculum Vitae (four pages maximum) with details of research publications, grants, patents and industry collaboration
- one high resolution photograph of yourself in **landscape** format. This may be used for promotional purposes in case you are selected as a finalist.

Formatting

Nominations are required to meet formatting requirements for attachments:

- Single spaced Arial 11pt font
- Word or PDF document formats
- Document title saved as the applicant's name then document name. Eg. JaneSmithCV.doc

Documents that exceed formatting or page limits will be reformatted and cut off at the page limit.

Ensure all statements are factually correct and verifiable. The selection panel may not consider unverifiable claims and statements. If required, the Department may seek additional information on nominees.

Step 4: Submission

Once the nominee has completed the online nomination and answered the Selection Criteria, they should attach the supporting documentation, complete their declaration and prepare to submit their nomination at <https://psa.grantplatform.com>.

Documentation

Only the documentation requested will be provided to the judging panel and considered in the evaluation process.

Nomination form

All nominees must submit a completed online nomination for the *WA Science Hall of Fame*.

Attachments

All nominees must provide the requested attachments and supporting documentation.

Acknowledgement

In the online nomination, the nominee must complete the acknowledgement stating that they:

- have read, understood and agreed to the contents, conditions and provisions of this and all other documentation related to this nomination to the 2026 WA Science Hall of Fame
- certify that all information provided is truthful and accurate to the best of their knowledge
- understand the provision of false or misleading information will result in the automatic dismissal of this nomination.

Conflicts of Interest

In the online nomination, the nominator must also declare any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest they or their partners may have in relation to any aspect of the Premier's Science Awards program. Identified conflicts do not affect eligibility, but must be managed by the Department.

If the nominator later identifies an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest, they must inform the Department in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest may include, but are not limited to, a professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party that could be reasonably construed as having or seen to have influence on the proper and objective judging process of the Awards, such as an officer of the Western Australian Government Department, an employee of one of the Awards sponsors or partners, a member of a judging panel or a Western Australian Member of Parliament.

Submission

After completing the nomination, addressing the selection criteria, attaching documentation and completing the acknowledgement, nominators must submit their nomination at <https://psa.grantplatform.com>.

After the nomination has been submitted, nominators will receive a confirmation email.

General Information

The nominator should read the following information before completing their nomination.

General nomination guidelines

The nominator should ensure that they:

- complete all sections of the online form and address the Selection Criteria
- consult with the nominee to ensure accuracy in the content provided
- provide clear, concise responses in plain English, avoiding jargon and technical terms
- structure responses logically and avoid repetition
- clearly attribute where contributions are made, either as an individual or within the context of the wider team
- support claims with verifiable quantitative and qualitative evidence
- attach documents in the required format: applicant's name document name. Eg. JaneSmithCV.doc
- avoid including webpages and links to audio-visual files
- arrange for another person to review and proofread the nomination prior to submission
- submit nominations via the submission portal prior to the nomination closing date and time.

Unsubstantiated or unverifiable statements will not be considered during the selection process.

For technical issues with the portal, applicants can contact science@deed.wa.gov.au.

Selection Process

Nominations will be considered by a judging panel comprising three alums of the WA Science Hall of Fame. Evaluation of nominations will be based on the alignment with the selection criteria.

The judging panel reserve the right to request additional evidence to support claims against the selection criteria to assist it in making its decision. The judging panel may also seek advice from individuals with expertise in the area under consideration, to assist with evaluation.

If required, the Department may seek additional information from the nominator.

Suitable WA Science Hall of Fame nominations from previous years may be considered in subsequent years at the discretion of the judging panel.

The judges' recommendations are final. The deliberations of the judging panel and all related information and material will be kept strictly confidential, subject to the requirements of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*.

This honour is reserved for the highest achievement and contribution to science in the State. This panel will present names of potential inductees to the Premier for final approval. If a suitable inductee is not identified, the Premier reserves the right to not announce an inductee for the year.

Nominators will be notified by email of the outcome. The selected inductee/s will be notified by the Department prior to the public announcement.

Public announcement

The inductee will be announced at the Premier's Science Awards ceremony scheduled for September 2026. Please note that more than one person may be inducted into the Western Australian Science Hall of Fame if more than one nominee is deemed suitable.

Obligations WA Science Hall of Fame Inductee

The inductee will be notified by email of the outcome. This will include a request to:

- provide proof of Australian citizenship or permanent residency
- approve the biography to be used in all promotional material
- provide up to three high resolution landscape format headshot photographs with appropriate permissions to use for promotional purposes
- respond promptly to the videographer to coordinate production of the finalist videos
- organise permissions for topics, photographs, b-roll, research, publications or programs that could be filmed
- organise access permissions or entry permits for film locations

The inductee will be announced at the Awards 2026 Premier's Science Awards ceremony. Complimentary tickets will be offered to the inductee and nine guests.

The Department will contact the 2026 WA Science Hall of Fame inductee to discuss any proposed activities following the awards ceremony.

The Department may facilitate links between the 2026 WA Science Hall of Fame inductee and existing science engagement opportunities. The Department may also invite the inductee to:

- be a WA STEM ambassador
- participate in public engagements promoting science.

The Department encourages WA Science Hall of Fame inductees to promote their success through newsletters, websites, social media, and by other means. The Department will provide information to support the inductee in these promotions. Please contact the Department to discuss the use of logos and other material.

The Department may use the WA Science Hall of Fame inductee's information, photos and/or videos to promote the WA Science Hall of Fame and Premier's Science Awards programs to the Western Australian community including, for example, social media promotion and public displays.

In the event the 2026 WA Science Hall of Fame inductee is contacted by the media, advice should be sought from the Department prior to interviews. Information provided to the media must acknowledge the WA Science Hall of Fame in full and the date the award was granted. The Department strongly encourages the 2026 inductee to seek advice prior to speaking to members of the media.

Personal conduct statement

Inductees are expected to:

- abide by the highest standards of integrity, ethics, diligence and professionalism
- display good judgement, diplomacy and courtesy when acting in the capacity of a member of WA Science Hall of Fame

Freedom of Information

Applicants are informed that the Department is subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*, which provides a general right of access to records held by Western Australian State and Local Government agencies.

Further information on the operation of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act can be obtained from the [Department of Energy and Economic Diversification](#) or by contacting the Department's FOI Coordinator at foi@deed.wa.gov.au.

Use of Nomination Materials

All materials provided are accepted on the understanding that the Department will only use or disclose such material:

- determining the recommended inductee for the WA Science Hall of Fame program
- informing the public about the WA Science Hall of Fame program outcomes
- promoting of the WA Science Hall of Fame program
- promoting science, technology, engineering and maths
- in other instances where information collected may be disclosed without consent, where authorised or required by law.

All award-related information, material provided, and material created by the Department through the WA Science Hall of Fame program, such as media statements, interviews, videos and photos remain the property of the Department.

For further information

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