



referee report guide

Introduction

As the world emerges from a pandemic, the vital importance of scientific discovery to society has been highlighted. In 2021, the Victorian Government is celebrating leadership, determination and creativity through the Victoria Prize for Science & Innovation - recognising the many ways in which research and development of international significance are conducted in Victoria.

The Victoria Prize for Science & Innovation in 2021 is worth \$50,000 per prize and will be awarded to an outstanding Victorian Scientist, Innovator, Entrepreneur or Researcher in the Life and Physical Sciences.

These prestigious prizes are for a scientific discovery or technological innovation, or a series of such achievements which significantly advances knowledge. The clear potential to produce a commercial outcome or other substantial benefit to the community will be highly regarded.

Candidates for the Victoria Prize must be nominated by an individual, a group of individuals or a professional association. Self-nominations will be excluded.

The field of endeavour may be in:

- research (pure or applied); or
- development (for example, implementation of research outcomes in an industrial setting).

Nominees should be active in research.

Life Sciences

The Life Sciences category comprises the fields of science that involve the scientific study of living organisms and their life processes and ecosystems, covering fields such as biology, medicine or anthropology.

Physical Sciences

The Physical Sciences category encompasses the branches of science that study non-living systems, including but not limited to fields such as physics, chemistry, earth sciences, engineering, ICT, mathematics and statistics, or astronomy.

Joint-appointments

The Victoria Prize for Science & Innovation is normally awarded to an individual. It is recognised, however, that outstanding achievement is often the result of long-term collaboration between individuals making equivalent and complementary contributions. The Prize, therefore, may be awarded to more than one individual in each category, if the outstanding achievement can be clearly shown to be the outcome of a long-term collaboration. The total value of each Prize will remain at \$50,000 and will be evenly apportioned between joint recipients.

Recipients of other professional, state, national or international awards are eligible for the Victoria Prize for Science & Innovation, providing they meet all eligibility criteria.

Important notes

Thank you for agreeing to provide a Referee Report. Referee Reports form an important part of the assessment process. The Referee Report is confidential.

Following the submission of a Victoria Prize for Science and Innovation nomination, you will receive an email 'Victoria Prize for Science and Innovation in 2021 - Referee Report Requested' containing a link to the form. Referee Reports can only be accessed via this link and must be submitted no later than 5.00pm [AEST] **Monday, 26 July 2021**

- Please do not pass the Referee Report to the nominee.
- Receipt of the Referee Report is time critical to the assessment process.
- Referees will receive an email acknowledging receipt of their referee report.
- Referee reports received after 5:00pm (AEST), **Monday, 26 July 2021** will NOT be considered by the selection panel.

The selection panel will, with absolute discretion, select the proposed Victoria Prize recipients on the basis of the key criteria. The panel's recommendations will be submitted to the Minister for Jobs, Innovation & Trade for endorsement.

The recommendations of the selection panel are final and appeals will not be considered. **veski** and the Victorian Government reserves the right not to award a prize in any given year.