

Media Release

Science and innovation to be supported in Victoria

Forging a new path after the recent period of uncertainty, Victoria's leading scientists, innovators, entrepreneurs and researchers are working to solve the critical problems of today. The Victorian Government is supporting a world of science and innovation by opening its annual Victoria Prize for Science and Innovation and Victoria Fellowships programs again in 2022.

To help celebrate the achievements of leading Victorians - in both the Life and Physical Sciences, and allow them to continue their important work in creating a brighter future, the Victorian Government is proud to call for nominations for the Victoria Prize for Science and Innovation.

These two prestigious prizes, this year worth \$25,000 each, have in recent years been awarded to some of Victoria's leading scientific talent including well-known researchers working on high-level solutions in cancer-research and materials engineering.

The State Government is also encouraging early career scientists and innovators to apply for a Victoria Fellowship to undertake international travel, to foster collaboration with international centres of science research. The fellowship supports these researchers to bring back knowledge to Victoria and continue to strengthen the state's position as a global centre for research and innovation.

In 2022 the Victorian Government will provide 10 Victoria Fellowships (5 in each of the Life and Physical Sciences) to assist early career researchers to undertake a short-term study mission overseas to foster collaborations with international research centres.

The Victorian Government has again engaged **veski** – an organisation dedicated to fostering an innovative economy – to deliver and host these celebrated awards this year, which they have proudly undertaken since 2013.

veski MD & chief executive, Julia L Page, said that the Victoria Prize & Fellowships are key awards to recognize the outstanding talent here in Victoria across our leading scientists and innovators, and provide a vehicle for the next generation of these outstanding researchers to travel internationally and gain insights, networks and skills otherwise unavailable to them.

Despite the obstacles of the last few years, Victorian scientists have continued to excel and produce innovative research. Among these were a former Victoria Prize recipient Professor Jamie Rossjohn from Monash University who is one of only four Australians – and among 62 people worldwide – to be elected to the Royal Society in 2022. Another Victorian researcher making waves is Victoria Fellow recipient from 2021, Dr Roshan Selvaratnam, from the Hudson Institute of Medical Research, who was awarded one of three Victorian Premier's Awards for Health and Medical Research in 2022.

Nominations and applications must be submitted by no later than **12.00pm [AEST] on Monday, 18 July 2022** via <https://veskidelivered.awardsplatform.com>

Full information is available at veski.org.au