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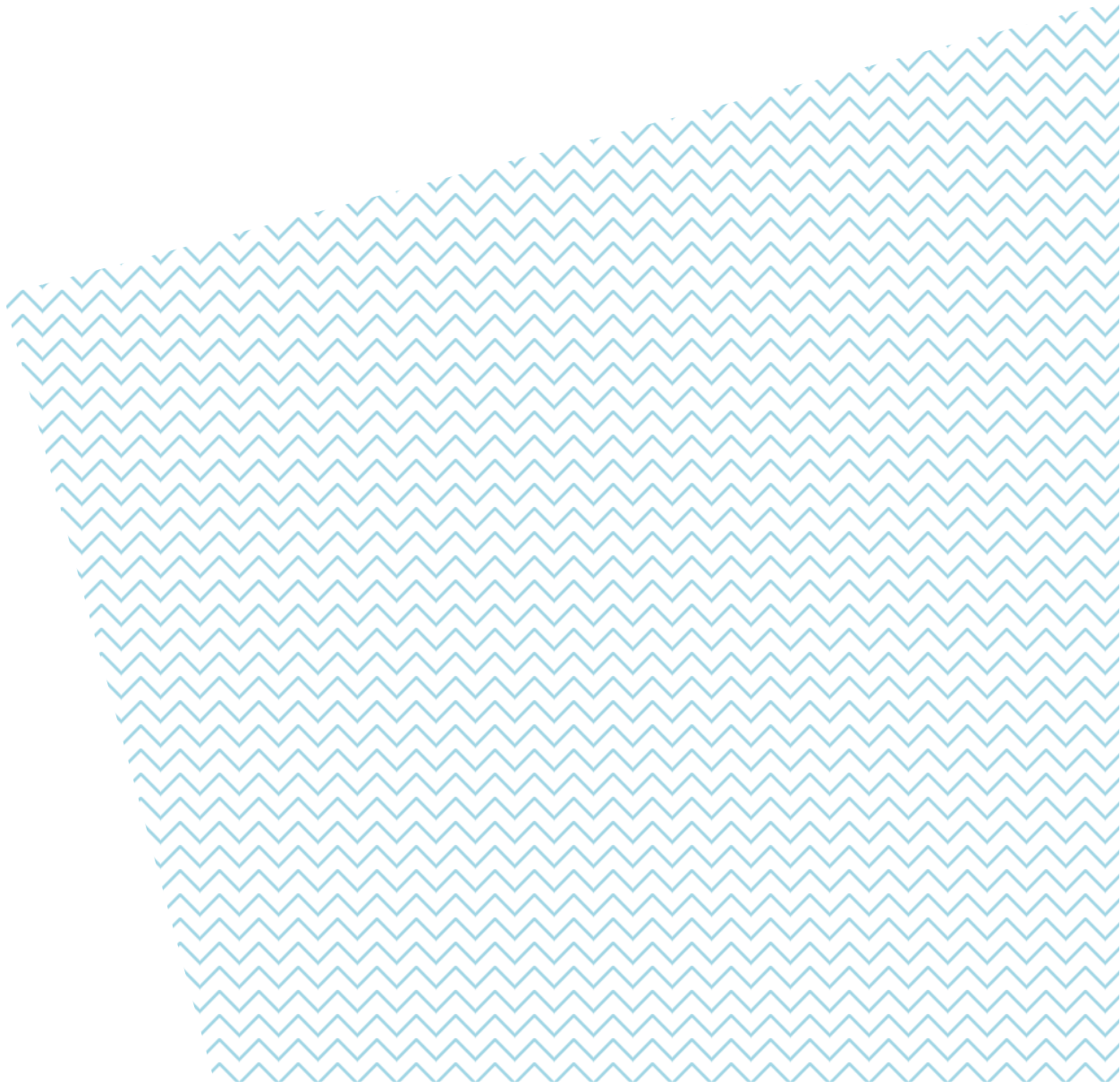


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The Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology Excellence Awards recognise and celebrate the contributions of academic and professional staff.

The Awards acknowledge individual and team achievements, and contributions that demonstrates the Faculty's core values and enable our strategy, [FEIT 2035](#).

The scheme provides a mechanism for applicants to build competitive cases for wider University awards, including the [University of Melbourne Excellence Awards](#), and external award schemes, such as [Engagement Australia Excellence Awards](#).

Key dates

Applications open	Monday 23 March 2026 9.00am
Applications close	Monday 20 April 2026 5.00pm
Winners announced at FEIT Excellence Awards Celebration	Thursday 2 July 2026 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Who can apply

The FEIT Excellence Awards are open to all salaried members of staff (including full and part time, fixed term, casual and continuing) at the University of Melbourne. Each award also has specific eligibility criteria outlined in this guide.

Awards are available for both individuals and teams. Team applications must be led by a FEIT member of staff who is a salaried member of staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).

Previous unsuccessful applicants are eligible to reapply. Prior winners are eligible to apply for new initiatives only.

How to apply

Applications are self-nominated.



1. Explore the Awards

Familiarise yourself with the FEIT Award Guidelines, including eligibility, assessment criteria and supporting materials for the Award/s you intend to apply for (these vary for each Award). Download a copy of the application form from the [website](#).



2. Develop your application

Complete the application form (available on the [website](#)) and gather supporting materials.



3. Submit your application

Combine your application form and supporting materials into one single PDF and submit it to engit-engagement@unimelb.edu.au by the due date.

Academic, Professional, Team and Individual Eligibility

The table below outlines academic, professional, team and individual eligibility for each award.

		Academic	Professional	Team	Individual
Education Excellence Awards					
1.	FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Tutors and Graduate Research Academic Associates	✓	✓	✓	✓
2.	FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Emerging Academics	✓	✗	✗	✓
3.	FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Early Career Academics	✓	✗	✗	✓
4.	FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Mid-Career Academics	✓	✗	✗	✓
5.	FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Engagement	✓	✓	✓	✓
6.	FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Innovation in Teaching Programs	✓	✓	✓	✓
7.	FEIT Excellence Award in Education – The Kelvin Medal	✓	✗	✗	✓
Engagement Excellence Awards					
8.	FEIT Excellence Award in Industry Research	✓	✗	✓	✓
9.	FEIT Excellence Award in Internationalisation	✓	✓	✓	✓
10.	FEIT Excellence Award in Public Value and Social Inclusion	✓	✓	✓	✓
11.	FEIT Excellence Award in Commercialisation and Translation	✓	✗	✓	✓
12.	FEIT Excellence Award in Sustainability	✓	✓	✓	✓
Professional Excellence Awards					
13.	FEIT Excellence Award in Professional Excellence and Innovation	✗	✓	✓	✓
Research Excellence Awards					
14.	FEIT Excellence Awards in Early Career Research	✓	✗	✗	✓
15.	FEIT Excellence Awards in Mid-Career Research	✓	✗	✗	✓
16.	FEIT Excellence Award in Research	✓	✗	✓	✓
17.	FEIT Excellence Award in Graduate Researcher Supervision (Early/Mid-Career)	✓	✗	✗	✓

18.	FEIT Excellence Award in Graduate Researcher Supervision (Senior)	✓	X	X	✓
19.	FEIT Excellence Award in Interdisciplinary Research	✓	X	✓	✓

FEIT Excellence Awards Celebration

Winners will be announced at the FEIT Excellence Awards Celebration. All Award applicants will be invited to attend the celebration.

Prizes

All successful applicants will receive a certificate.

Award winners currently employed by the University of Melbourne will receive \$1000 e-Mastercard. If a team wins, the value of funds will be distributed evenly amongst the University of Melbourne staff declared within the application. Team members from outside UoM are ineligible to receive a e-Mastercard.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award nomination.

In addition, the winner of the of the *FEIT Excellence Award in Education – The Kelvin Medal* will receive a two-year membership to the [Kelvin Club](#), enjoy a celebratory lunch at the Kelvin Club and be awarded the Kelvin Medal. The Kelvin Club is a city-based gender inclusive association that is free, secular and democratic.

Members of the Kelvin Club encourage strategic alliances that promote academic exchange in Engineering, Economics, and the Arts for social good.

The Kelvin Medal is an annual award that recognises Excellence in the Education of engineering and IT, where skills and knowledge are communicated to others. We thank the Kelvin Club for their continued support of the FEIT Excellence Award in Education – the Kelvin Medal.

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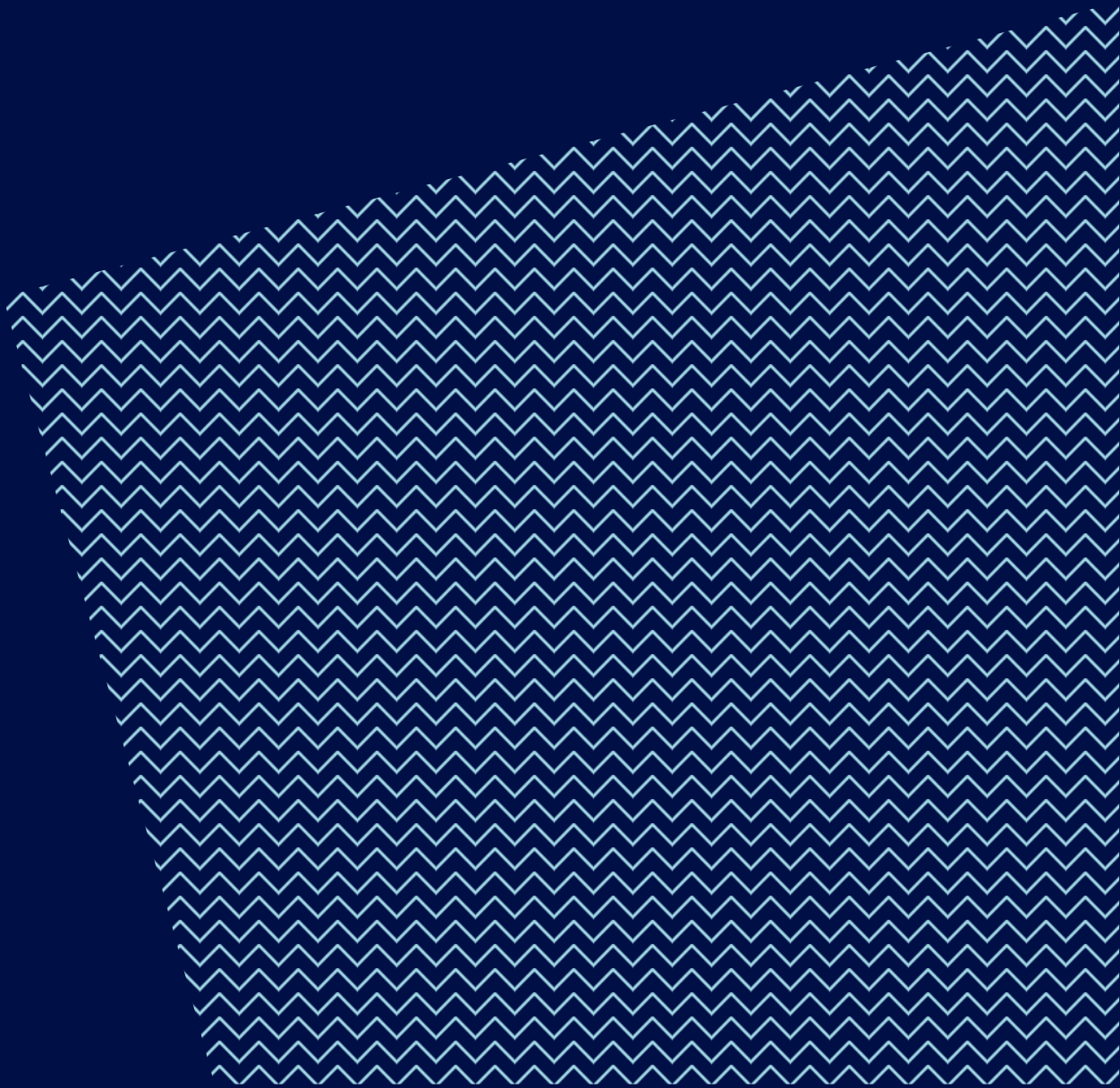
Enquiries and questions can be directed to engit-engagement@unimelb.edu.au



Pictured: 2025 FEIT Excellence Awards Winners at the Awards Celebration

Education Excellence Awards

Recognising outstanding contributions to education.



1. FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Tutors and Graduate Research Academic Associates

Recognising education excellence of Tutors and Graduate Research Academic Associates.

This award celebrates Tutors, Graduate Research Academic Associates, and Associate Lecturers who have demonstrated excellence providing teaching that influences, motivates and inspires students to learn and develop. It recognises contributions made within the scope of responsibilities expected of a tutor at the University of Melbourne. These contributions include tutoring, demonstrating and in-class facilitation.

One award is awarded annually. Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

Applications should be aligned with the Faculty's strategic priorities.

1.1 Eligibility criteria

- Individual or team applications are accepted for this award. Applicants must be Tutors or Graduate Research Academic Associates employed by the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time the work was undertaken.
- Only self-nominations are accepted.

1.2 Assessment criterion

Applications should address the following assessment criterion via the application form. **Max. 200 words:**

1. *Demonstrated impact and value created for students, within the expected responsibilities of a tutor or graduate research academic associate at the University of Melbourne.* These activities may include tutoring, demonstrating and in-class facilitation. Applicants should illustrate their excellence in performing these tasks relevant to the position in which they are employed.

1.3 Entry materials

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specific below.

Referees & Student Referee Statement

- Applicants must provide a brief written statement from a student (c.200-word). Please indicate the source of the student statement where possible (i.e. student name and degree) and how the statement was captured (i.e. direct email, student survey, reference letter etc.).
- Additionally, the applicant must provide a written statement from the relevant subject coordinator in support of the application (c.200 words).

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

Career Interruptions

If you have experienced an interruption that has impacted your teaching record, please include a short statement explaining this in your CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

Applicants who are submitting initiatives relevant to curriculum may provide a summary of End of Subject Survey and/or Quality or Teaching materials to support their application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include other forms of evidence such as peer review or evaluation results.

2. FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Emerging Academics

Recognising education excellence of new continuing and fixed-term academics in FEIT.

This award celebrates new continuing and fixed-term emerging academics who have demonstrated excellence developing and implementing approaches to learning and teaching that influence, motivate and inspire students to learn and develop.

This award is for academics who are contributing to subjects under the guidance of a subject coordinator.

It recognises innovation that has influenced and enhanced teaching outcomes. Outstanding achievements may include contributing to innovative initiatives aligned with the Faculty's strategic goals, such as approaches to pedagogy and curriculum redesign, development of teaching resources, feedback or assessment initiatives, and developing student citizenship, inclusion, and diverse cohort building.

One award is awarded annually. Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. University of Melbourne awards, national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award nomination.

2.1 Eligibility criteria

- Individual applications only are accepted for this award. Only self-nominations are accepted.
- Applicants must be emerging academics. Emerging academics are academics with less than two years' experience teaching in higher education institutions. This duration is calculated from the point of non-casual employment; career breaks will be considered.
- Applicants must be salaried members of staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of application.

2.2 Assessment criteria

Applications should address the following assessment criteria via the application form. **Max. 200 words per criterion:**

1. *Exemplification of teaching excellence through an innovative approach to student learning and development with a sound rationale.*
2. *Demonstrated impact and value created for the students through this approach.*
3. *Demonstrated scholarly activity that you have undertaken that have influenced and enhanced teaching. This may include: showing advanced skills in evaluation and reflective practice; participating in and contributing to professional activities related to learning and teaching; coordination, conducting and publishing research related to teaching.*

2.3 Application Requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specific below.

Referees & Student Referee Statement

- Applicants must provide a brief written statement from a student (c.200-word). Please indicate the source of the student statement where possible (i.e. student name and degree) and how the statement was captured (i.e. direct email, student survey, reference letter etc.).
- Additionally, the subject coordinator must provide a written statement in support of the application (c.200-word).

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

Career Interruptions

If you have experienced an interruption that has impacted your academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in your CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

Applicants who are submitting initiatives relevant to curriculum may provide a summary of End of Subject Survey and/or Quality or Teaching materials to support their application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include other forms of evidence such as peer review or evaluation results, and abstracts of relevant publications they have authored.

3. FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Early Career Academics

Recognising education excellence of Early Career Academics.

This award celebrates Early Career Academics who have demonstrated excellence developing and implementing approaches to learning and teaching that influence, motivate and inspire students to learn and develop. It recognises innovation that has influenced and enhanced education, including demonstrating leadership in teaching. Outstanding achievements may include contributing to innovative initiatives aligned with the Faculty's strategic goals, such as, pedagogy and curriculum redesign, development of teaching resources, feedback or assessment initiatives, and developing student citizenship, inclusion, and diverse cohort building.

One award is awarded annually. Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

3.1 Eligibility criteria

- Individual applications only are accepted for this award. Only self-nominations are accepted.
- Applicants must be Early Career Academics with less than five years' experience teaching in higher education institutions. This duration is calculated from the point of non-casual employment; career breaks will be considered.
- Applicants must be salaried members of staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of application.

3.2 Assessment criteria

Applications should address the following assessment criteria via the application form. **Max. 200 words per criterion:**

1. *Exemplification of leading teaching excellence through an innovative approach to student learning and development with a sound rationale.*
2. *Demonstrated impact and value created for the students through this approach.*
3. *Demonstrated scholarly activities that you have undertaken that have influenced and enhanced teaching. This may include: showing advanced skills in evaluation and reflective practice; participating in and contributing to professional activities related to learning and teaching; coordination, management and leadership of courses and student learning; conducting and publishing research related to teaching; demonstrating leadership through activities that have broad influence on colleagues and/or the profession.*

3.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specific below.

Referees & Student Referee Statement

- Applicants must provide a brief written statement from a student (c.200-word). Please indicate the source of the student statement where possible (i.e. student name and degree) and how the statement was captured (i.e. direct email, student survey, reference letter etc.).
- Additionally, applicants must nominate at least one internal referee, with an option to nominate an additional internal or external referee.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

Career Interruptions

If you have experienced an interruption that has impacted your academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in your CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

Applicants who are submitting initiatives relevant to curriculum may provide a summary of End of Subject Survey and/or Quality or Teaching materials to support their application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include other

forms of evidence such as peer review or evaluation results, and abstracts of relevant publications they have authored.

4. FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Mid-Career Academics

Recognising education excellence of Mid-Career Academics.

This award celebrates Mid-Career Academics who have demonstrated excellence developing and implementing approaches to teaching that influence, motivate and inspire students to learn and develop. It recognises innovative teaching that has influenced and enhanced teaching and learning outcomes, including demonstrating leadership through activities that have broad influence on the profession. Outstanding achievements must be aligned with the Faculty's strategic goals and may include leading innovations in pedagogy and curriculum redesign, development of curricula and resources, feedback or assessment, and student citizenship and cohort building initiatives.

One award is awarded annually. Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

4.1 Eligibility criteria

- Individual applications only are accepted for this award.
- Applicants must be Mid-Career Academics with five to ten years' experience teaching in higher education institutions. This duration is calculated from the point of non-casual employment; career breaks will be considered.
- Applicants must be salaried members of staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of application.
- Only self-nominations are accepted.

4.2 Assessment criteria

Applications should address the following assessment criteria via the application form. **Max. 200 words per criterion:**

1. *Exemplification of leading teaching excellence through an innovative approach to teaching with a sound rationale, with broad influence on the profession.*
2. *Demonstrated impact and value created for the students through this approach.*
3. *Demonstrated scholarly activities that you have undertaken that have influenced and enhanced learning and teaching.*

4.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

Referees & Student Referee Statement

- Applicants must provide a brief written statement from a student (c.200-word). Please indicate the source of the student statement where possible (i.e. student name and degree) and how the statement was captured (i.e. direct email, student survey, reference letter etc.).
- Additionally, applicants must nominate at least one internal referee, with an option to nominate an additional internal or external referee.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

Career Interruptions

If you have experienced an interruption that has impacted your academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in your CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

Applicants who are submitting initiatives relevant to curriculum may provide a summary of End of Subject Survey and/or Quality or Teaching materials to support their application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include other forms of evidence such as peer review or evaluation results, and abstracts of relevant publications they have authored.

5. FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Engagement

Recognising outstanding contributions that improve student engagement on campus, with industry and/or in the community.

This award celebrates outstanding contributions that enhance student engagement on campus, within industry, and/or in the community. Strategies or initiatives will aid in preparing graduates for lives of professional contribution, leadership and active citizenship as engaged alumni. They will be innovative and create value for the community beyond the institution (e.g. community and industry). Relevant activities may include industry engaged curricula, work placements, embedded industry/community networking opportunities, cooperative learning, and work-orientated projects and curriculum redesign.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

5.1 Eligibility criteria

- Applications for this award can be individual or team based. Only self-nominations are accepted.
- Applicants must be salaried members of academic and/or professional staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the University of Melbourne at the time of nomination (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Team applications can consist of non-FEIT staff, but the application must be led by an eligible FEIT staff member.

5.2 Assessment criteria

Applications should address the following assessment criteria via the application form. **Max. 200 words per criterion:**

1. *Demonstrated innovation in the concept and delivery of an initiative to enhance student engagement on campus, with industry and/or in the community.*
2. *Demonstrated impact and value created for the students participating in the initiative in preparing them for life beyond graduation.*
3. *Demonstrated significance of the involvement from industry and/or the community, including the impact and value created for them through their involvement.*

5.3 Application Requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV. For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

Applicants who are submitting initiatives relevant to curriculum are may provide a summary of End of Subject Survey and/or Quality or Teaching materials to support their application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include other forms of evidence such as peer review or evaluation results, and abstracts of publications they have authored.

6. FEIT Excellence Award in Education – Innovation in Teaching Programs

Recognising innovation in education and in programs that enhance, inspire or motivate students' learning.

This award recognises innovative teaching that enhances, inspires, and motivates students' learning. The Award is open to individuals and teams providing projects or services relating to teaching. The nomination of programs involving professional staff members, and those involving collaboration with external parties are encouraged.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

6.1 Eligibility criteria

- Applications for this award can be individual or team based.
- Applicants must be salaried members of academic and/or professional staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the University of Melbourne at the time of nomination (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Team applications can consist of non-FEIT staff, but the application must be led by an eligible FEIT staff member.
- Only self-nominations are accepted.

6.2 Assessment criteria

Applications should address the following assessment criteria via the application form. **Max. 200 words per criterion:**

1. *Originality and significance of the innovative approach.*
2. *Sound rationale for the innovative approach.*
3. *Demonstrated impact and value created for the students through the innovation.*

6.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specific below.

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV. For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

Applicants who are submitting initiatives relevant to curriculum may provide a summary of End of Subject Survey and/or Quality or Teaching materials to support their application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include other forms of evidence such as peer review or evaluation results, and abstracts of their publications related to the innovation.

7. FEIT Excellence Award in Education - The Kelvin Medal

Recognising education excellence and approaches to education that influence, motivate and inspire students to learn and develop.

The Kelvin Medal represents the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology Preeminent Education Award. The award celebrates substantial and extended contributions to education in engineering and/or IT. Activities should include significant, extended, research-informed contribution to excellence in teaching and learning experiences for students in the Faculty, and international leadership in engineering or IT education.

One award is awarded annually. The successful applicant will receive a two-year membership to the Kelvin Club, enjoy a celebratory lunch at the Kelvin Club and be awarded the Kelvin Medal.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

7.1 Eligibility criteria

- Individual applications only are accepted for this award.
- Applicants must be a salaried member of academic staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Only self-nominations are accepted.

7.2 Assessment criteria

Applications should address the following assessment criteria via the application form. **Max. 200 words per criterion:**

1. *Exemplification of significant, extended, research-informed, innovative contribution to excellence in teaching and learning experiences for students in FEIT;*
2. *Demonstrated impact and value created for the students; and*
3. *Demonstration of significant, extended, international leadership in engineering or IT education.*

7.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

Referees & Student Referee Statement

- Applicants must provide a brief written statement from a student (c.200-word). Please indicate the source of the student statement where possible (i.e. student name and degree) and how the statement was captured (i.e. direct email, student survey, reference letter etc.).
- Additionally, applicants must nominate at least one internal referee, with an option to nominate an additional internal or external referee.

Curriculum Vitae

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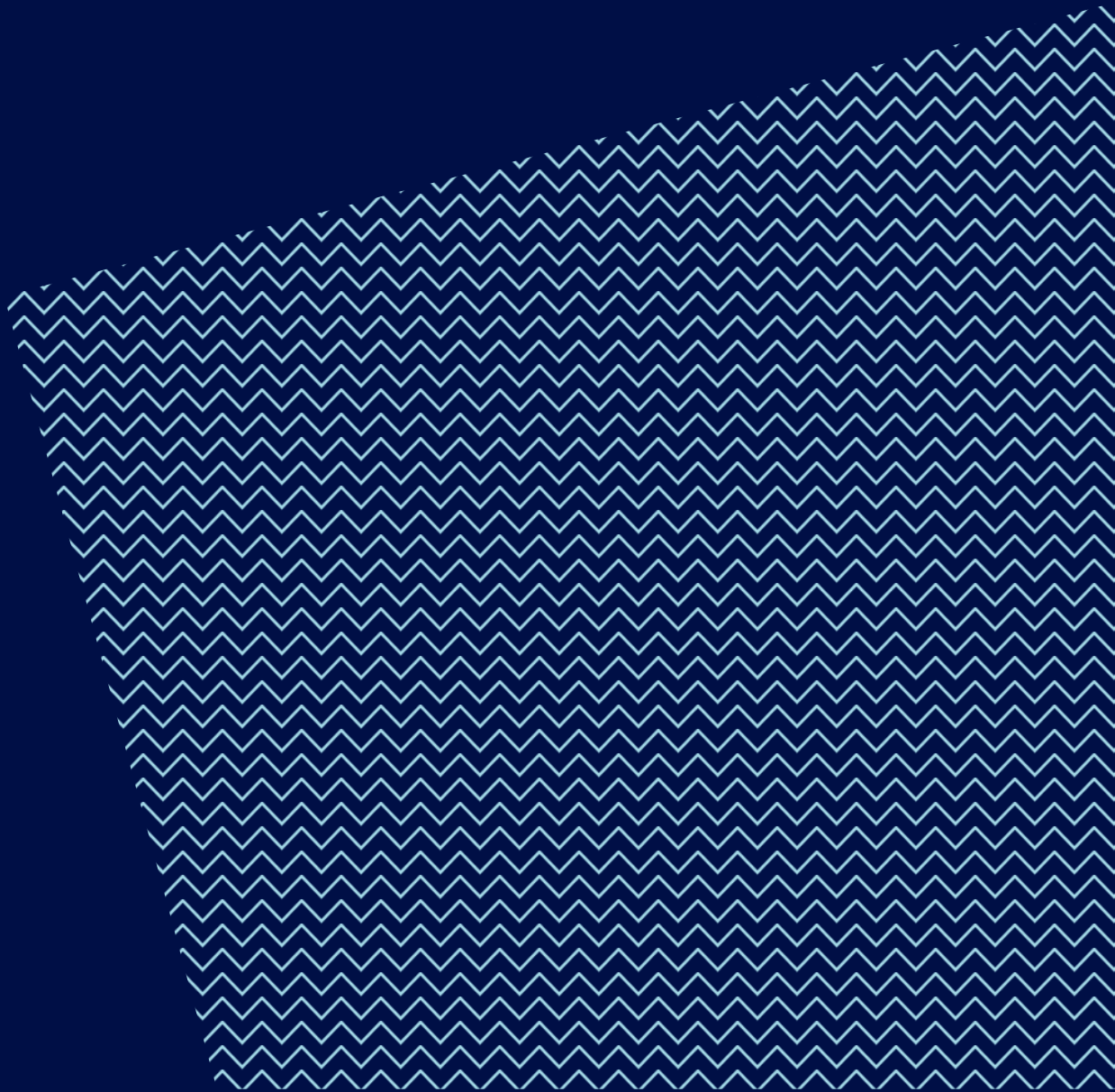
Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

Applicants who are submitting initiatives relevant to curriculum may provide a summary of End of Subject Survey and/or Quality or Teaching materials to support their application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include other forms of evidence such as peer review or evaluation results, and abstracts of relevant publications they have authored.

Engagement Excellence Awards

Recognising outstanding contributions and achievements in engagement with our partners and the wider community.



8. FEIT Excellence Award in Industry Research

Recognising outstanding research projects undertaken in partnership with industry.

This award recognises outstanding research projects conducted in collaboration with industry. For the purposes of this award, Industry is defined loosely as to include Government bodies, NGOs, Not-for-profits and all types of businesses.

The initiative will have effectively led to sustained research application and collaboration. Innovative projects should demonstrate significant impact and reach in terms of research collaboration and dissemination. Evidence must also be shown of demonstrating the value to users and the wider society.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

8.1 Eligibility criteria

- Applications for this award can be individual or team based.
- Applicants must be salaried members of academic staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the University of Melbourne at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Team applications can consist of FEIT and non-FEIT researchers, but the project must be led by an eligible FEIT-CI.
- Only self-nominations are accepted.

8.2 Assessment criteria

Applications should address the following assessment criteria. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Describe the key strengths of the project, the Industry sector and the customers;*
2. *Describe the track record of engagement and collaboration with industry; and*
3. *Describe the impact and value created through research engagement with industry.*

8.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

Statement on Individual or Team Entry

If applying as an individual entrant, explain your reasoning behind this choice. Or, if applying as a team, describe the contribution of each individual and explain why this Award should be jointly awarded. **Max. 300 words.**

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting materials relating to their list of peer-reviewed research output (e.g. reports from referees/reviewers of manuscripts, editor's correspondence and publication reviews). **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

9. FEIT Excellence Award in Internationalisation

Recognising outstanding contributions in enhancing FEIT's and the University's international standing.

This award recognises outstanding contributions to enhancing the international standing of the Faculty and the University. Initiatives and strategies may include (but are not limited to) international student mobility activities, inbound and outbound student support, alumni engagement programs, internationalisation of the curriculum, and developing international partnerships with institutions, research centres and/or joint collaborators.

The initiative will be successful in enhancing our international brand, partnerships, and relationships with our intentional stakeholders, such as current or aspiring students, alumni, research partners or education institutions.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

9.1 Eligibility criteria

- Applications for this award can be individual or team based.
- Applicants must be salaried members of academic and/or professional staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the University of Melbourne at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Team applications can consist of non-FEIT staff, but the application must be led by an eligible FEIT staff member.
- Only self-nominations are accepted.

9.2 Assessment criteria

Applicant must address three assessment criteria. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Describe the activity and how it is uniquely innovative.*
2. *Describe how the initiatives contribute to furthering FEIT's international standing.*
3. *Describe how the initiative has enhanced outcomes (for staff, students and/or partners), strengthened relationships or improved our practice in international engagement.*

9.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

Statement on Individual or Team Entry

If applying as an individual entrant, explain your reasoning behind this choice. Or, if applying as a team, describe the contribution of each individual and explain why this Award should be jointly awarded. **Max. 300 words.**

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

10. FEIT Excellence Award in Public Value and Social Inclusion

Recognising outstanding contributions in equity, diversity and social inclusion.

This award celebrates initiatives that enrich the intellectual, cultural, social and economic life of wider society. Activities could include that facilitate access, participation and success of (for example) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with a disability, women in disciplines, professions or roles in which they are under-represented, people with family or carer responsibilities, people from culturally/linguistically diverse backgrounds, people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning, students from financially disadvantaged background, students from low socio-economic areas and/or students from rural or remote areas.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

10.1 Eligibility criteria

- Applications for this award can be individual or team based.
- Applicants must be salaried members of academic and/or professional staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the University of Melbourne at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Team applications can consist of non-FEIT staff, but the application must be led by an eligible FEIT staff member.
- Only self-nominations are accepted.

10.2 Assessment criteria

Applicants must address three assessment criteria. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Describe the initiative's ambition, purpose and priorities.*
2. *Describe how the initiative has provided value to the community and/or helped to realise ambitions in social inclusion.*
3. *Describe sustained engagement.*

10.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

Statement on Individual or Team Entry

If applying as an individual entrant, explain your reasoning behind this choice. Or, if applying as a team, describe the contribution of each individual and explain why this Award should be jointly awarded. **Max. 300 words.**

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV. For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

11. FEIT Excellence Award in Commercialisation and Translation

Celebrating exceptional achievements in innovation, impact, and real-world application.

This award recognises the transformative impact of commercialisation on society, emphasising the vital role of innovation, industry collaboration, and technology transfer in translating research into practical solutions that drive economic growth, societal benefit, and global progress.

For the purposes of this award, Commercialisation and Translation are defined broadly to encompass initiatives that translate research and other academic expertise into practical applications, products, services, or policies. This may include (but is not limited to) impactful collaborations with industry or community, licensing deals, the establishment of startups and/or spinouts, impactful knowledge exchange initiatives, or new inventions.

The applicant(s) must demonstrate sustained achievements in bridging innovation research and/or technology with real-world application, showcasing measurable impact and value to end-users and broader society, and highlight innovative approaches, significant reach, and effective dissemination of outcomes.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility and availability, award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) in the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

11.1 Eligibility criteria

- Applications for this award can be individual or team based.
- Applicants must be salaried members of academic staff (including casual, full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the University of Melbourne at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Team applications can consist of FEIT and non-FEIT researchers, and UoM professional staff, but the project must be led by an eligible FEIT academic. For applications concerned with external organisations (e.g. spin-outs), members from the organisation can be included in the team, however, the application must be led by an eligible FEIT academic.
- Only self-nominations are accepted.

11.2 Assessment criteria

Applications should address the following assessment criteria. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Describe the initiative(s) that showcase successful commercialisation and/or translation activity, including highlighting its relevance to the University of Melbourne;*
2. *Describe the achievements in the commercialisation and translation journey. This may include securing funding and investments, engagement with industry and community partners, adoption of technology or policy engagement; and*
3. *Demonstrate the value and impact from the commercialisation and translation initiative. This may include (but not limited to) value creation for end-users and broader society, and/or economic benefits, including job creation.*

11.3 Application requirements

In addition to the answers concerning the assessment criteria, the following information will be required.

Statement on Individual or Team Entry

If applying as an individual entrant, explain your reasoning behind this choice. Or, if applying as a team, describe the contribution of each individual and explain why this Award should be jointly awarded. **Max. 300 words.**

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting materials relating to strengthen their application (e.g. images or data about the actual product or commercialisation activity, reports from referees/reviewers of manuscripts, testimonials or statements from end-users, editor's correspondence and publication reviews etc.).

It is recommended that applicants include a statement from an external party, such as a customer testimonial or end user endorsement that illustrates the impact or potential impact that this translation activity has had on the sector, community and/or industry.

Max. 5 pages; collate as single PDF.

12. FEIT Excellence Award in Sustainability

Recognising outstanding contributions to enhancing sustainability outcomes through research, education and university operations.

The Excellence Award in Sustainability recognises initiatives that successfully advance sustainability outcomes, enhance environmental stewardship, and foster a culture of sustainability. The initiative(s) should demonstrate measurable impact in research, teaching, or operations and align with the Faculty's commitment to sustainability across its activities, including commitments to advancing sustainability practices within the University or broader University community.

The initiative(s) may include (but are not limited to) research projects addressing environmental challenges, programs that integrate sustainability into teaching and learning practices, innovations in university processes to reduce environmental impact, or actions to foster partnerships that promote sustainable practices.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility and availability, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) in the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

12.1 Eligibility criteria

- Applications for this award can be individual, or team based.
- Applicants must be salaried members of academic and/or professional staff (including casual, full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the University of Melbourne at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Team applications can consist of non-FEIT staff, but the application must be led by an eligible FEIT staff member.
- Only self-nominations are accepted.

12.2 Assessment criteria

Applicant must address three assessment criteria. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Describe the initiative and its innovative approach to addressing sustainability challenges in research, teaching, or operations.*
2. *Demonstrate how the initiative advances sustainability outcomes within the Faculty, the University, or the broader community, showcasing its impact and alignment with institutional sustainability commitments.*
3. *Demonstrate how the initiative has enhanced sustainability practices, relationships, or outcomes, including fostering partnerships, improving operations, or embedding sustainability into teaching and learning.*

12.3 Application requirements

In addition to the answers concerning the assessment criteria, the following information will be required:

Statement on Individual or Team Entry

If applying as an individual entrant, explain your reasoning behind this choice. Or, if applying as a team, describe the contribution of each individual and explain why this Award should be jointly awarded. **Max. 300 words.**

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

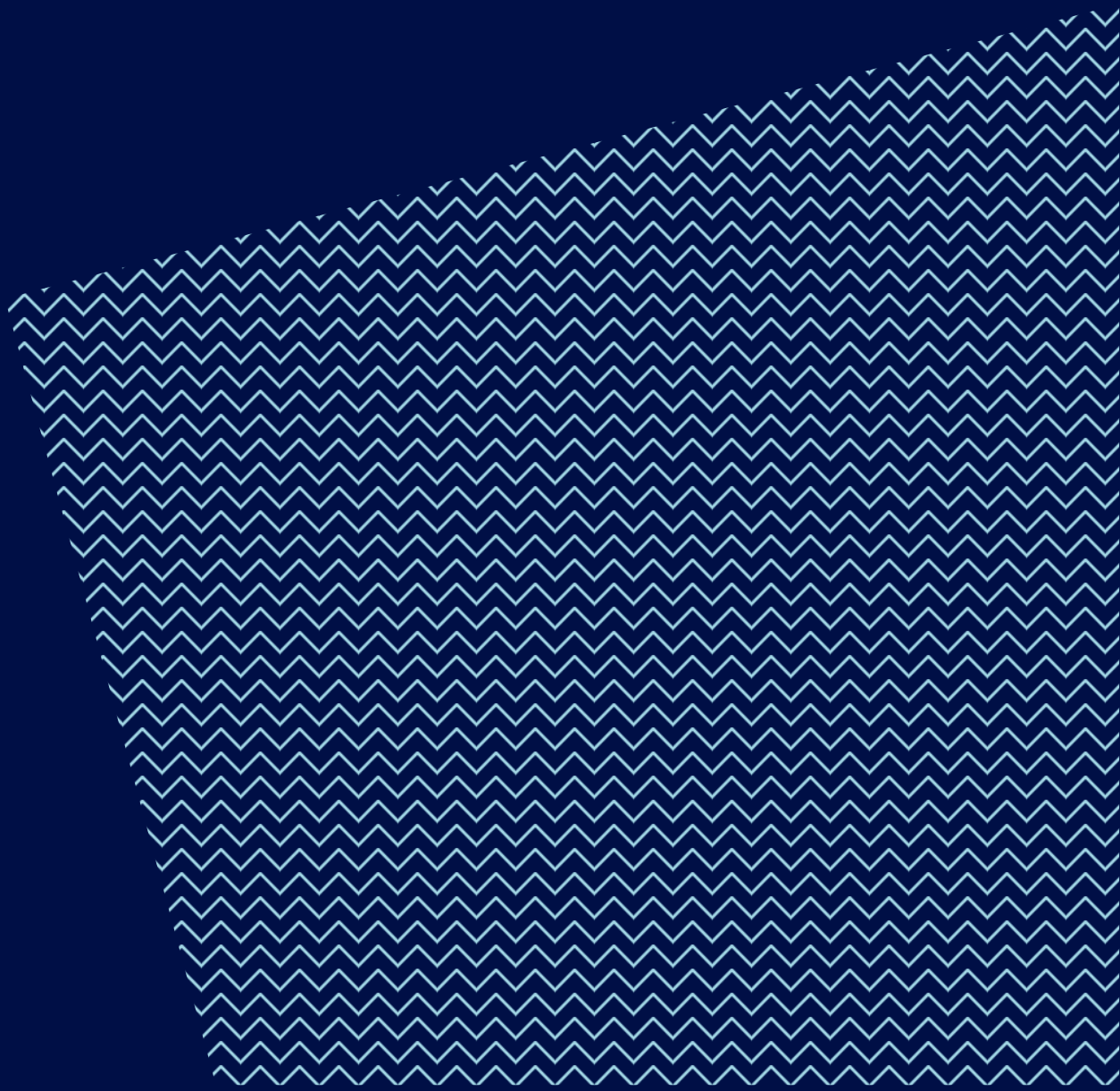
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Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

Professional Excellence Award

Recognising outstanding professional staff contributions and achievements that aid in the fulfilment of goals, values, and missions of the Faculty and the University.



13. FEIT Excellence Award in Professional Excellence and Innovation

Recognising professional staff contributions towards fulfilling the goals, values and mission of the Faculty and the University.

This award celebrates individuals and teams who have given outstanding service to their work area, made a significant contribution to innovation, displayed outstanding teamwork and have exhibited the values to which our Faculty aspires.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. University of Melbourne awards, national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

13.1 Eligibility criteria

- Applications for this award can be individual or team based. Team applications must be led by a FEIT staff member, however, can include staff members outside of the Faculty.
- Applicants must be salaried members of professional staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the University of Melbourne at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Only self-nominations are accepted.

13.2 Assessment criteria

Applications should address the following assessment criteria via the application form. **Max. 200 words per criterion:**

1. *Describe the innovative approach to work.*
2. *Outstanding service and/or client focus. How has the applicant(s) delivered quality outcomes that are centric to their key stakeholders needs.*
3. *Demonstration of UoM/FEIT values and alignment to strategy. How has the applicant(s) exemplified the Faculty's values and demonstrated a commitment to UoM and Faculty strategy.*

13.3 Entry materials

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specific below.

Statement on Individual or Team Entry

If applying as an individual entrant, explain your reasoning behind this choice. Or, if applying as a team, describe the contribution of each individual and explain why this Award should be jointly awarded. **Max. 300 words.**

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV. For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

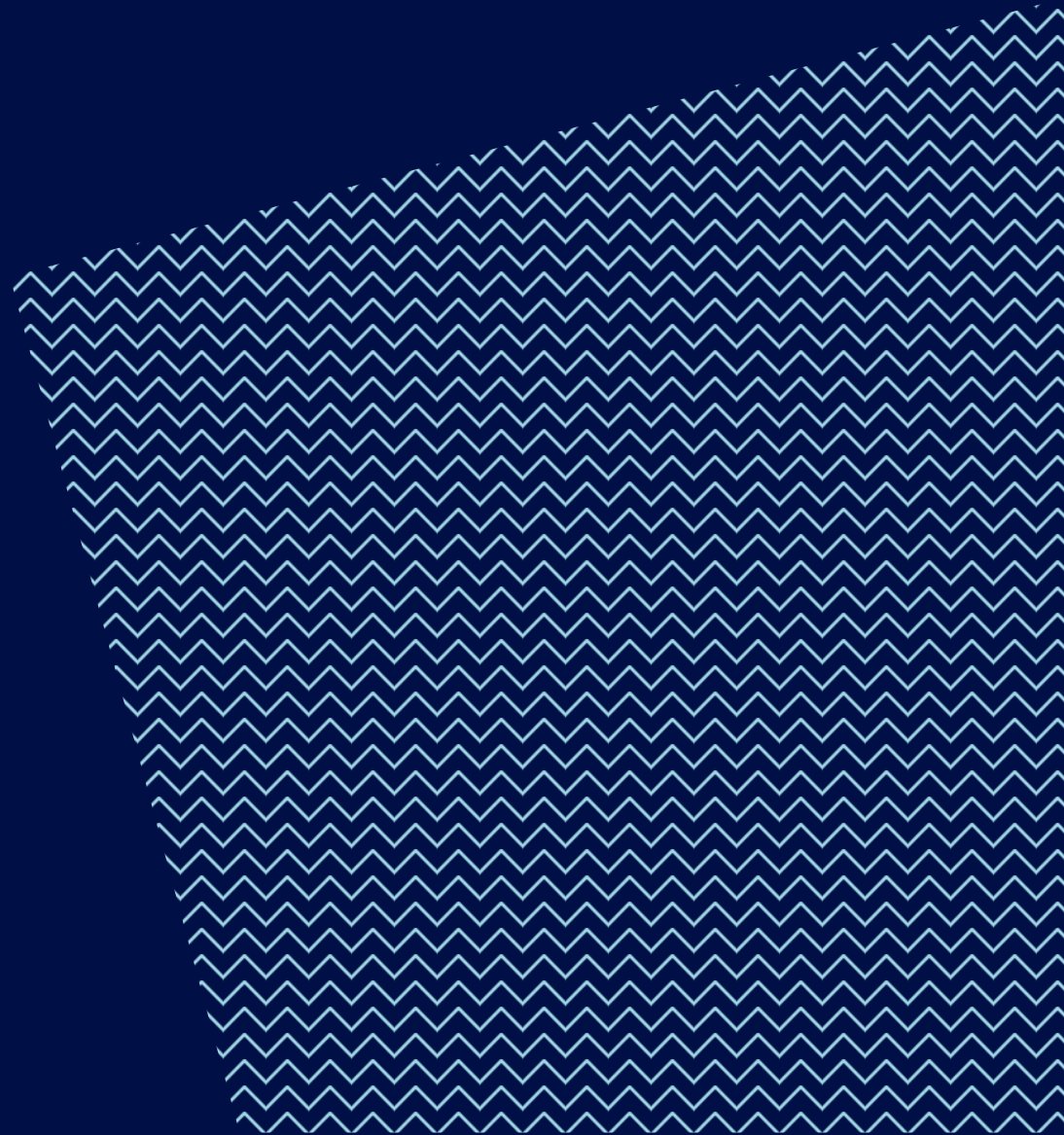
If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

Research Excellence Awards

Recognising outstanding contributions and achievements in research for the Faculty and the University.



14. FEIT Excellence Award in Early Career Research

Recognising the significant research contributions of FEIT's early career researchers.

This award celebrates research that has advanced the standing of engineering or IT. This research contribution must have occurred within five years of the application deadline. Activity entered for this Award must have been published in at least one peer-reviewed output (i.e. journal article, book or similar).

Although not mandatory, preference will be given to research conducted at the University of Melbourne.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

14.1 Eligibility criteria

- This award accepts only self-nominations and only from individual applicants.
- Applicants should have either less than five years' experience in active research or obtained their PhD within five years of the application deadline.
- Applicants must be salaried members of staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).

14.2 Assessment criteria

Applicant must address three assessment criteria via the application form. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Originality and Significance*

Detail how your research contributes to new insights within its field and/or pioneered a new area of enquiry.

2. *Scientific Rigour*

Describe the investigative approach undertaken and how you have employed approaches not normally used in your field of research.

3. *Impact and Benefit*

Demonstrate the extent to which the research:

- influences future Australian and/or global research, and
- leads to a clear impact(s).

14.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

Statement on Research Contribution and Impact

The application must provide a statement on the following information regarding the nominated research. **Max. 500 in total.**

- Provide an overview of the nominated research contribution. Your statement should address: background, objective/s; results to date; list of outcomes that directly relate to the research (e.g. patents, grants, awards, collaborations). Preference is given to research conducted at the University of Melbourne; if the nominated research contribution was carried out elsewhere, provide a brief explanation (e.g. institution, has work continued since joining FEIT).
- Provide a statement of impact regarding the nominated research contribution. Use independent evidence to demonstrate the significant contribution of your output(s) to your field. This may include details regarding the quality of the journal or publisher, reviewer quotes, technology uptake, and research translation.

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, such as a relevant supervisor or Head of School/Department, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

All applicants must provide their curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting materials relating to their list of peer-reviewed research output (e.g. reports from referees/reviewers of manuscripts, editor's correspondence and publication reviews). **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

15. FEIT Excellence Award in Mid-Career Research

Recognising the significant research contributions of FEIT's Mid-career researchers.

This award celebrates research that has advanced the standing of engineering or IT. This research contribution must have occurred within five years of the application deadline. Activity entered for this Award must have been published in at least one peer-reviewed output (i.e. journal article, book or similar).

Although not mandatory, preference will be given to research conducted at the University of Melbourne.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

15.1 Eligibility criteria

- This award accepts only self-nominations and only from individual applicants.
- Applicants should have up to the full mid-career term of experience (five to ten years post-PhD) in active research at the time of application.
- Applicants must be salaried members of staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).

15.2 Assessment criteria

Applicant must address three assessment criteria. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Originality and Significance*

Detail how your research contributes to new insights within its field and/or pioneered a new area of enquiry.

2. *Scientific Rigour*

Describe the investigative approach undertaken and how you have employed approaches not normally used in your field of research.

3. *Impact and Benefit*

Demonstrate the extent to which the research:

- influences future Australian and/or global research, and
- leads to a clear long-lasting impact(s).

15.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

Applicant details

- Applicant must provide details to determine eligibility.

Statement on Research Contribution and Impact

The application must provide a statement on the following information regarding the nominated research. **Max. 500 in total.**

- Provide an overview of the nominated research contribution. Your statement should address: background, objective/s; results to date; list of outcomes that directly relate to the research (e.g. patents, grants, awards, collaborations). Preference is given to research conducted at the University of Melbourne; if the nominated research contribution was carried out elsewhere, provide a brief explanation (e.g. institution, has work continued since joining FEIT).

- Provide a statement of impact regarding the nominated research contribution. Use independent evidence to demonstrate the significant contribution of your output(s) to your field. This may include details regarding the quality of the journal or publisher, reviewer quotes, technology uptake, and research translation.

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, such as a relevant supervisor or Head of School/Department, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

All applicants must provide their curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting materials relating to their list of peer-reviewed research output (e.g. reports from referees/reviewers of manuscripts, editor's correspondence and publication reviews). **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

16. FEIT Excellence Award in Research

Recognising outstanding curiosity-driven research.

This award celebrates research that has advanced the standing of engineering or IT. This research contribution must have occurred within five years of the application deadline. Activity entered for this Award must have been published in at least one peer-reviewed output (i.e. journal article, book or similar).

Although not mandatory, preference will be given to research conducted at the University of Melbourne.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. University of Melbourne awards, national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

16.1 Eligibility criteria

- Applications for this award can be individual or team based.
- This award accepts only self-nominations.

Individual Entries

- Applicants must be salaried members of academic staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).

Team Entries

- Team applications must nominate a team leader via the application form.
- The team leader and majority of team members must be eligible FEIT applicants and be a salaried member of staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of nomination (honorary staff are ineligible).

16.2 Assessment criteria

Applicant must address three assessment criteria. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Originality and Significance*

Detail how the research outcome(s) are ground-breaking, as well as how the research has influenced its field of science and/or pioneered a new area of enquiry.

2. *Scientific Rigour*

Describe the investigative approach undertaken and identify the research methods employed, outlining the steps taken to ensure a robust and unbiased approach.

3. *Impact and Benefit*

Outline the potential or actual impact of this research beyond its field of science, as well as any public impact.

16.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

Statement on Research Contribution and Impact

The application must provide a statement on the following information regarding the nominated research. **Max. 500 in total.**

- Provide an overview of the nominated research contribution. Your statement should address: background, objective/s; results to date; list of outcomes that directly relate to the research (e.g. patents, grants, awards, collaborations). Preference is given to research conducted at the University of Melbourne; if the nominated research contribution was carried out elsewhere, provide a brief explanation (e.g. institution, has work continued since joining FEIT).

- Provide a statement of impact regarding the nominated research contribution. Use independent evidence to demonstrate the significant contribution of your output(s) to your field. This may include details regarding the quality of the journal or publisher, reviewer quotes, technology uptake, and research translation.

Statement on Individual or Team Entry

If applying as an individual entrant, explain your reasoning behind this choice. Or, if applying as a team, describe the contribution of each individual and explain why this Award should be jointly awarded. **Max. 300 words.**

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, such as a relevant supervisor or Head of School/Department, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

All applicants must provide their curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting materials relating to their list of peer-reviewed research output (e.g. reports from referees/reviewers of manuscripts, editor's correspondence and publication reviews). **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

17. FEIT Excellence Award for Graduate Researcher Supervision (Early/Mid-Career)

Recognising outstanding achievements in supervision and development of the next generation of Australia's scientific researchers.

This award celebrates exemplary practice in research supervision that has made a significant contribution to the development of students.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

17.1 Eligibility criteria

- This award accepts only self-nominations and only from individual applicants.
- Applicants must be salaried members of academic staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Applicants must have graduated less than five Graduate Researchers (PhD, professional doctorate and/or Masters by Research) with the majority being enrolled at FEIT.
- Applicants should not exceed ten years post-PhD experience at the time of application.

17.2 Assessment criteria

Applicant must address the assessment criteria listed below. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Sustained results in the development of Graduate Researchers.*

Identify and provide evidence of the extent to which the applicant has achieved sustained results in supervision and development of Graduate Researchers. This may include: supervision practices that lead to research projects and research theses judged by examiners to be of outstanding quality; supervision practices that lead to candidates publishing books, chapters and articles, presenting papers at prestigious conferences, and winning prizes and awards; the engagement of research students in the broader intellectual life of the department, faculty and University; engagement with the end-users of their research, support and encouragement for students to develop as independent researchers; support and encouragement for students to develop the full range of graduate attributes; the induction of students into the national and international research communities in their fields; the mentoring of students in their career development following completion of their graduate research degree.

2. *Approaches to supervision that influence, motivate, and inspire students to excel.*

Identify activities and programs implemented and supported by the applicant and describe how they have led to the development of Graduate Researchers across FEIT and their respective discipline. This may include: fostering students' development as researchers by stimulating curiosity and independence in learning; contributing to the development of students' critical thinking skills, analytical skills and scholarly values; inspiring and motivating students through high-level communication and interpersonal skills; effective approaches to guidance during the planning of research projects; structures established for ongoing interaction with students.

17.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

List of Graduate Researchers

Applicants for this award must list up to five Graduate Researchers (PhD, professional and doctorate and/or Masters by Research) that you have supervised to completion. The majority of Graduate Researchers should have been enrolled at FEIT. Up to three graduated students will be contacted to provide confidential statements on their supervision experience.

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

Career Interruptions

If you have experienced an interruption that has impacted your academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in your CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

18. FEIT Excellence Award for Graduate Researcher Supervision (Senior)

Recognising outstanding achievements in supervision and development of the next generation of Australia's scientific researchers.

This award celebrates exemplary practice in research supervision that has made a significant contribution to the development of students.

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

18.1 Eligibility criteria

- This award accepts only self-nominations and only from individual applicants.
- Applicants must be salaried members of academic staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).
- Applicants must have graduated as at least five Graduate Researchers (PhD, professional doctorate and/or Masters by Research) with the majority being enrolled at FEIT.

18.2 Assessment criteria

Applicant must address three assessment criteria. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Sustained results in the development of Graduate Researchers.*

Identify and provide evidence of the extent to which the applicant has achieved sustained results in supervision and development of Graduate Researchers. This may include: supervision practices that lead to research projects and research theses judged by examiners to be of outstanding quality; supervision practices that lead to candidates publishing books, chapters and articles, presenting papers at prestigious conferences, and winning prizes and awards; the engagement of research students in the broader intellectual life of the department, faculty and University; engagement with the end-users of their research, support and encouragement for students to develop as independent researchers; support and encouragement for students to develop the full range of graduate attributes; the induction of students into the national and international research communities in their fields; the mentoring of students in their career development following completion of their graduate research degree.

2. *Approaches to supervision that influence, motivate, and inspire students to excel.*

Identify activities and programs implemented and supported by the applicant and describe how they have led to the development of Graduate Researchers across FEIT and their respective discipline. This may include: fostering students' development as researchers by stimulating curiosity and independence in learning; contributing to the development of students' critical thinking skills, analytical skills and scholarly values; inspiring and motivating students through high-level communication and interpersonal skills; effective approaches to guidance during the planning of research projects; structures established for ongoing interaction with students.

3. *Contribution to the development of excellent supervision practices within FEIT or the wider University.*

Describe and provide evidence of the applicant's commitment to community of practice in the supervision and development of Graduate Researchers. This may include: the mentoring of staff new to supervision; involvement in and contribution to supervisor workshops and training; development of School and Department policies and programs to enhance the graduate research community and the quality of the environment for graduate research.

18.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

List of Graduate Researchers

Applicants for this award must list at least five, and up to ten, Graduate Researchers (PhD, professional and doctorate and/or Masters by Research) that you have supervised to completion. The majority of Graduate Researchers should have been enrolled at FEIT. Up to three graduated students will be contacted to provide confidential statements on their supervision experience.

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

Career Interruptions

If you have experienced an interruption that has impacted your academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in your CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting material relating to their submission. **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.

19. FEIT Excellence Award in Interdisciplinary Research

Recognising outstanding research outcomes enabled through interdisciplinary collaboration.

This award celebrates original research that was made possible through interdisciplinary collaboration between both internal and/or external stakeholders from two or more unrelated disciplines. This research contribution must have occurred within five years of the application deadline. Activity entered for this Award must have been published in at least one peer-reviewed output (i.e. journal article, book or similar).

One award is awarded annually.

Subject to eligibility, Award winners are expected to nominate for at least one other award in an alternate scheme (e.g. [University of Melbourne awards](#), national, international or other peak-body awards) the year following their successful FEIT Excellence Award application.

19.1 Eligibility criteria

- Only self-nominations are accepted.
- Applications for this award can be individual or team based. Team applications can consist of FEIT and non-FEIT researchers, but the project must be led by a FEIT-CI.
- Applicants leading the submission must be salaried members of academic staff (including full and part time, fixed term and continuing) of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology at the time of application (honorary staff are ineligible).

19.2 Assessment criteria

Applicant must address three assessment criteria. **Max. 200 words per criterion.**

1. *Originality and Significance*

Detail how the research outcome(s) are ground-breaking, as well as how the research has influenced its field of science and/or pioneered a new area of enquiry.

2. *Approach to Research*

Identify and describe the research methods adopted to ensure a robust and unbiased approach to research was adopted.

3. *Discipline Integration and Research Impact*

Describe how the research outcomes were made possible through interdisciplinary collaboration, and how this led to potential or actual research impact on a field(s) of science and/or created public impact.

19.3 Application requirements

The following information will be captured through the completion of the application form, unless specified below.

Statement on Research Contribution and Impact

The application must provide a statement on the following information regarding the nominated research. **Max. 500 in total.**

- Provide an overview of the nominated research contribution. Your statement should address: background, objective/s; results to date; list of outcomes that directly relate to the research (e.g. patents, grants, awards, collaborations). Preference is given to research conducted at the University of Melbourne; if the nominated research contribution was carried out elsewhere, provide a brief explanation (e.g. institution, has work continued since joining FEIT).
- Provide a statement of impact regarding the nominated research contribution. Use independent evidence to demonstrate the significant contribution of your output(s) to your field. This may include details regarding the quality of the journal or publisher, reviewer quotes, technology uptake, and research translation.

Statement on Individual or Team Entry

If applying as an individual entrant, explain your reasoning behind this choice. Or, if applying as a team, describe the contribution of each individual and explain why this Award should be jointly awarded. **Max. 300 words.**

Referees

Nominate at least one internal referee, with the option to nominate one additional referee, who may be internal or external to the University. Please note, the panel assessing the application will notify the applicant before contacting external referees.

Curriculum Vitae

A curriculum vitae, a **maximum of 2 pages** per CV.

For team entries, please collate CVs as a single PDF.

Career Interruptions

If an applicant has experienced an interruption that has impacted on their academic record, please include a short statement explaining this in their CV.

Supporting Documents (optional)

Applicants may provide supporting materials relating to their list of peer-reviewed research output (e.g. reports from referees/reviewers of manuscripts, editor's correspondence and publication reviews). **Max. 5 pages**; collate as single PDF.