



# Australian Legal Research Awards

*Celebrating the best of Australian Legal Research*

**Nominations close 17 March 2020**

Applications are now invited for the inaugural **Australian Legal Research Awards** (ALRA), established in 2019 by the **Council of Australian Law Deans** (CALD) as a prestigious national award scheme for the legal academic discipline.

The ALRA Scheme encourages, recognises and promotes research excellence and innovation in the discipline of law by Australian legal scholars.



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ALRA also seeks to:

- enhance and promote the shared identity of law as a distinct academic discipline within the Australian Academy
- create a national recognition pathway for legal academics to be able to concretely demonstrate the contribution and quality of their work
- disseminate the diverse high-quality research being undertaken by Australian legal academics
- provide a visible platform to celebrate legal research that can be effectively projected beyond the legal discipline to the Australian and international Academy.

The ALRA Scheme is funded by CALD and is administered with the cooperation and support of the Law Associate Deans Research Network (LADRN). The Scheme relies upon the volunteer support of a large number of legal academics across Australia in the peer-to-peer assessment of applications.

The **2020 ALRA Scheme** offers awards in the following **five categories**, recognising the different forms of research excellence, and the distinct stages of an academic career:

## PhD Award

The ALRA PhD Award focuses on the starting point of the contemporary academic pathway, celebrating excellence in doctoral studies. This Award recognises research excellence in doctrinal studies by candidates who have been awarded a PhD in Law from an Australian university.

## Article/Chapter (ECR) Award

The ALRA ECR Article/Chapter Award category recognises the contribution of early career academics in producing a discrete research output – whether journal article or book chapter. The objective of this prize is to recognise research excellence in the publication of journal articles or book chapters which make an outstanding contribution to the legal field.

## Article/Chapter (General) Award

The ALRA Article/Chapter Award focuses on the mainstay of academic research – the traditional research article (including book chapters in edited collections). This Award recognises research excellence in the publication of journal articles or book chapters which make an outstanding contribution to the legal field.



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## Book Award

The ALRA Book Award celebrates the substantial contribution that is made by the sustained in-depth analysis provided by a legal book or monograph. The objective of this prize is to recognise research excellence in the publication of a book which make an outstanding contribution to the legal field.

## Non-Traditional Research Output Award

The ALRA Non-Traditional Research Output Award encourages, recognises and rewards research innovation that does not conform to traditional academic outputs, and might include videos, films, artistic works, blogs and software. The objective of this prize is to recognise research excellence in the publication of non-traditional research outputs which make an outstanding contribution to the legal field.

**All recipients of the above five categories will be awarded a prize of \$1000 and an award certificate**

## Lifetime Achievement Legal Research Medal

The Scheme also celebrates the sustained contribution to Australian Legal Scholarship through a special Lifetime Achievement Legal Research Medal. This prestigious category recognises the substantial contribution of outstanding scholars to the discipline of law made over the course of at least a 25-year career.

The recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Legal Research Medal will be awarded with a specially minted medal and an award certificate.

**Full details including eligibility requirements and information on the application and nomination process is available at [www.legalawardsaustralia.com](http://www.legalawardsaustralia.com)**

**The awards ceremony will be held in Sydney, Australia between 1-4 July 2020 in conjunction with the annual conference of the Australasian Law Academics Association (venue to be advised).**

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