



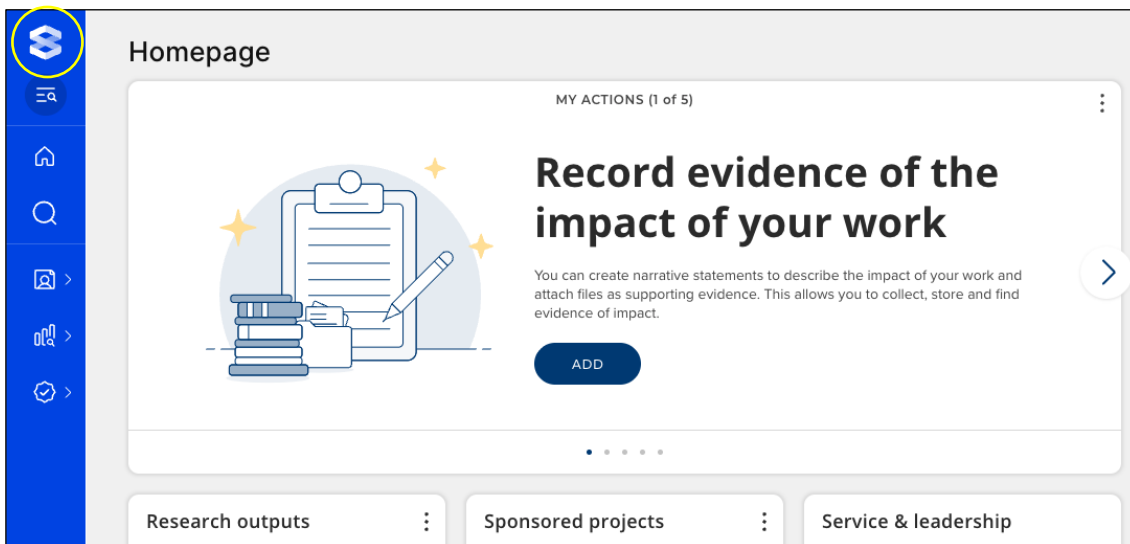
2026 UTS Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Research Excellence.

How to submit a nomination form
Guide

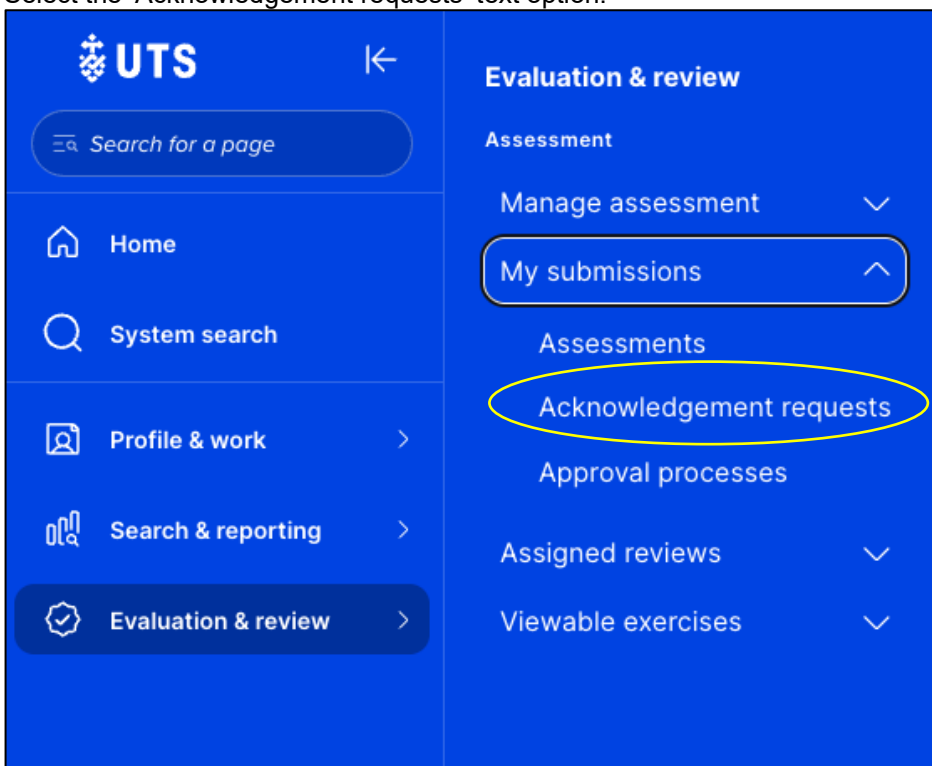
1. How to login and start a nomination

Log into [Elements](https://elements.uts.edu.au/) (<https://elements.uts.edu.au/>) via the UTS single sign-on.

Go to Menu > Evaluation & review> My submissions > My acknowledgement requests and select the relevant award you wish to apply for.



Select the 'Acknowledgement requests' text option.



There are 10 categories to choose from. Click 'START' to proceed with your application.

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Stage: Draft Nomination

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Once you have completed all sections, you can download a completed version of your application using the 'Download' option. If you are satisfied with your responses, click 'Submit'. Your application will be sent to the facilitator for review. If you need to change something, please contact the VC awards facilitator to return your application to draft stage for you to edit your application.

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Originality and significance of the research (30%)

Research Excellence (30%)

Future Research Leader (30%)

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Align with the Eight Characteristics of Research a...

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This award (\$3000) is for an outstanding piece of research conducted by an individual early career researcher (ECR). Nominees are eligible for this award if, at the closing date for nominations, it is five years or less since the date of their PhD conferral. The research entered for consideration should demonstrate research excellence relative to the length of career and to opportunities.

Nominees must include information about the research underpinning the nomination and provide evidence of the breadth of its contribution to the research field. Evidence of the nominee's potential contribution to becoming a research leader is also assessed. Furthermore, the nomination must address how the research activities contribute to the UTS culture of excellence and align with one or more of the [Eight Characteristics of Research at UTS](#).

Consideration will be given to an eligibility exemption in the case of verifiable career disruptions. Eligible career disruptions are in line with those endorsed by the [Australian Research Council](#).

Please note: draft nominations will be deleted from the system once the winners and finalists have been announced on 2025 Research Awards night.

Please refer to the [Guidelines for Nomination](#) and if you have any questions, please contact researchawards@uts.edu.au

- Nominees are responsible for coordinating and submitting their nomination.
- The specific selection criteria are outlined in each sub-section of the form. Each criterion is to be written in a narrative format. In answering, please bear in mind the weighting of each criterion.
- In no more than 4000 characters including spaces (approx. 800 words), address each of the selection criterion for this award.
- Before submitting the form, please attach the Nominator's supporting statement and ensure you provided a link to your and your team member's Discovery profiles.
- Please refer to [How to submit a nomination form](#) guidelines and [How to create your Discovery profile](#) guidelines if you currently do not have an existent profile.

Please make sure you save the form regularly, as 20 minutes of inactivity in the form will log you out and your work will not be saved.

2. How to complete the selection criteria

2.1 Review the unique criteria for your award

Each award has unique selection criteria with varying weighting.

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Click on each criterion for guidance on what is required in your nomination. It is recommended you review the details for each criterion prior to commencing your nomination.

2.2 Enter your response for each criterion

Once you are ready to complete your nomination, click on the '+' sign.

Research Excellence (30%)

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Selection Criteria:

- Include evidence of excellence in relation to the nominated research. This may include information related to measures of esteem, honours and awards/prizes, and any other evaluations of the research, which are appropriate to demonstrating excellence.... [...see more](#)

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- Research nominated for this award must have been published in internationally respected, externally refereed outlets (noting that this includes national publishing houses and journals of international standing). Provide details of these publications, including citation data where appropriate.
- Research that has generated non-traditional research outputs is considered under this criterion. Here, nominees should describe these outputs and explain how they represent research excellence in their field. The nominator should reinforce this assessment of non-traditional research outputs.
- Research which enhances our expertise in leading practice-based research.
- Demonstrate evidence of impact and engagement outside the University as it relates to this research. Research impact is the contribution that research makes to the economy, society, environment, or culture, beyond the contribution to academic research.
- Where applicable, describe how the plan for research impact was developed, who has benefited from the research, and how it reached the end user ([see here for an example](#)).

Evidence of:

- competitive external research funding, secured either to support the nominated research or awarded because of the successful outcomes of the research, or
- external research funding from sources other than competitive grants (e.g., contract research) and the satisfaction of the funder, for example through further funding or written endorsement of their satisfaction.

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Essential Information

▲ How does this nomination address the research excellence criteria?

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Please provide this information:

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⚠ What is your Discovery Profile link?

⚠ What date was your PhD conferred? 📅 ?

⚠ What is the name of the Nominator for this submission?

⚠ Which faculty/unit is the Nominator from?

If 'Other' is selected above, please indicate the relevant faculty or area of UTS in this field.

⚠ Have you uploaded the signed Nominator's Statement of Support? True False


⚠ I confirm that the information given in this nomination submission is true, complete and accurate. True False

Finally, do not forget to attach your nominator's letter.

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