



THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIZES FOR SCIENCE



Programme Guidelines

The Prime Minister's Prizes for Science - Science Prizes

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1. Introduction

These guidelines set out the nomination process and funding rules for the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science – Science Prizes, which is an element of the Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Programme.

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science is responsible for administering the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science, in accordance with the requirements of the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines](#).¹

The nomination process involves two stages. We will publish opening and closing dates for both stages on [business.gov.au](#).

We have defined key terms used in these guidelines in Appendix A.

If you wish to submit a nomination for a Science Prize you should read this document carefully before filling out the nomination form.

These guidelines provide advice on the nomination process and the obligations of prize recipients for the Science Prizes only. You will find separate programme guidelines for the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science - Science Teaching Prizes on [business.gov.au](#).

2. Programme overview

The Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Programme supports the broader goals of science engagement in Australia through science communications, inspiring wide community participation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and inspiring excellence in STEM. It will do this by funding and supporting a range of science communication and engagement activities and events.

The Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are Australia's most prestigious and highly regarded awards for outstanding achievements in scientific research, research-based innovation and excellence in science teaching.

The prizes recognise the achievements and success of Australian scientists and innovators to both Australia and internationally, as well as the critical role science educators play in inspiring and encouraging students to take an interest in science and consider science as a career.

Through the Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Programme, the prizes will award \$750,000 each year from 2016-17 to 2019-20 for outstanding achievements in science, research-based innovation and excellence in science teaching.

There are five prizes for science and innovation (referred to as the Science Prizes) and two prizes for science teaching (referred to as the Science Teaching Prizes).

Science Prizes

- Prime Minister's Prize for Science
- Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation
- Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year
- Frank Fenner Prize for Life Scientist of the Year
- Prize for New Innovators

¹ <http://www.finance.gov.au/resource-management/grants/>

Science Teaching Prizes

- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools
- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools.

Each prize recipient receives a medallion, lapel pin, prize money and an award certificate.

2.1 Overview of the Science Prizes

The Science Prizes are awarded for outstanding achievements in science, research-based innovation and commercialisation.

2.1.1 Prime Minister's Prize for Science

The Prime Minister's Prize for Science is awarded for a significant advancement of knowledge through science. It is awarded to an individual, or a team of up to four individuals if the achievement is the result of a collaborative team effort.

The prize includes a solid gold medallion and lapel pin, an award certificate and prize money of \$250,000. Where a team is awarded the prize, each member will receive a medallion, lapel pin, award certificate and an equal portion of the prize money.

2.1.2 Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation

The Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation is awarded for the innovative translation of scientific knowledge into a commercially available product, service or process that has had substantial economic, social and where relevant environmental benefits. It is awarded to an individual, or a team of up to four individuals if the achievement is the result of a collaborative team effort.

The prize includes a solid gold medallion, lapel pin, award certificate, and prize money of \$250,000. Where a team is awarded the prize, each member will receive a medallion, lapel pin, award certificate and an equal portion of the prize money.

2.1.3 Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year and Frank Fenner Prize for Life Scientist of the Year

The Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year and Frank Fenner Prize for Life Scientist of the Year each recognise an exceptional achievement in science that benefits, or has the potential to benefit, human welfare or society. Each prize is awarded to an individual who has realised the nominated research achievement within 10 years (full time or full-time equivalent (FTE)) of completing their highest relevant tertiary qualification.

Each prize includes a solid silver medallion, lapel pin, award certificate and prize money of \$50,000.

2.1.4 Prize for New Innovators

The Prize for New Innovators recognises an exceptional early achievement in the commercialisation of scientific research that has had substantial economic, social and where relevant environmental benefits.

The commercial outcome could be achieved for example through the establishment of a new business or in partnership with an existing research organisation where the relevant research or early stages of developing the innovation were conducted.

The innovation, underlying research and trial pathway will be considered equally important. The innovation must have generated measurable revenue or measurable socio-economic benefit.

The prize is awarded to an individual who has commercialised their research outcomes within 10 years (full time or FTE) of completing their highest relevant tertiary qualification.

The prize includes a solid silver medallion, lapel pin, award certificate, and prize money of \$50,000.

2.2 Fields of science covered by the Science Prizes

The Science Prizes are awarded for achievement in any of the following fields, as defined in the Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classifications 2008:

Division 01	Mathematical Sciences
Division 02	Physical Sciences
Division 03	Chemical Sciences
Division 04	Earth Sciences
Division 05	Environmental Sciences
Division 06	Biological Sciences
Division 07	Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences
Division 08	Information and Computing Sciences
Division 09	Engineering
Division 10	Technology
Division 11	Medical and Health Science

2.3 The nomination process

The nomination process involves two stages.

Stage 1: where you, as the nominator, provide a brief submission addressing the selection criteria for a particular science prize.

Stage 2: where, if your nominee has been shortlisted, we invite you (the nominator) and two supporters to prepare a more detailed submission addressing the relevant selection criteria.

3. Eligibility criteria

3.1 Who is eligible to be nominated?

3.1.1 All Science Prizes

To be eligible for a Science Prize, a nominee must

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- not be self-nominated
- not be nominated in more than one prize category.

Additional eligibility criteria for each prize are listed below.

3.1.2 Prime Minister's Prize for Science and Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation

To be eligible to be nominated for the Prime Minister's Prize for Science or the Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation, a nominee must also

- be an individual or a member of a team with up to four individuals

- hold an active position in research, academia or the private sector

Where a team is nominated, all individuals must meet the eligibility criteria and collaboration must be demonstrated for the nomination to be eligible. The prize cannot be awarded to a group of individuals who have produced recognised research or research impacts in the same field, but who did not work collaboratively to achieve them.

3.1.3 Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year and Frank Fenner Prize for Life Scientist of the Year

To be eligible to be nominated for the Malcolm McIntosh Prize or the Frank Fenner Prize, a nominee must also

- be an individual
- have realised their nominated research achievements within 10 years (full-time or FTE) of completing their highest relevant tertiary qualification
- have completed at least four years (full-time or FTE) of research in Australia.

The research achievement can include work done as part of relevant academic studies.

3.1.4 Prize for New Innovators

To be eligible to be nominated for the Prize for New Innovators, a nominee must also

- be an individual
- have held an appointment in a research organisation within the last five years
- have commercialised their scientific research outcomes within 10 years (full-time or FTE) of completing their highest relevant tertiary qualification
- have completed at least four years (full-time or FTE) of research in Australia.

The commercialisation achievement can include work done as part of relevant academic studies.

3.2 Professional associations

Prize nominees do not need to be a member of a professional association or to have received any prior award to be eligible. The basis of nomination is excellence and achievement in science and innovation.

3.3 Previous nominees

Previous nominees are eligible for renomination for any of the prizes, subject to relevant eligibility criteria being met, submitting a new nomination and you and the supporters providing evidence of any further relevant achievements. Different individuals may nominate and support the nominee where appropriate.

3.4 Past recipients

Past recipients of the Prime Minister's Prize for Science or the Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation are not eligible to be considered for another award.

Past recipients of any other prize may only be nominated for the Prime Minister's Prize for Science or the Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation.

3.5 Who is eligible to be a nominator or supporter?

To be eligible to submit a nomination for a Science Prize, a nominator must

- be personally knowledgeable of the nominated achievement and be able to offer expert opinions about its worth
- hold professional qualifications in the same, or a closely related, field as the nominee
- ensure the nominee is willing to be nominated and provide evidence necessary to support the nomination.

A nominator cannot also be a supporter or an independent referee and a nominee cannot support their own nomination.

To be eligible to support a nomination for a Science Prize, a supporter must

- be personally knowledgeable of the nominated achievement and be able to offer expert opinions about its worth.

At least one of the two supporters must be working for a different organisation to the nominator and the nominee.

4. The selection criteria you need to address

The Science Prizes are awarded on the basis of responses to the selection criteria outlined below.

The criteria may be addressed through the combined inputs of the nominator and supporters based on direct personal knowledge of the nominee's work. Nominators must be able to adequately address all criteria. We understand that a supporter may not be able to comment on all criteria. Supporters should provide independent views of the nominee's achievement/s, rather than confirming the views of the nominator.

Responses to the selection criteria will be assessed at both stages of the nomination process. In Stage 1 a summary will be required, and in Stage 2 more detailed responses will be required.

4.1 Prime Minister's Prize for Science

4.1.1 Selection criterion 1

Demonstrated original and in-depth research effort

- The originality and depth of the research effort involved in the nominated achievement
- For team nominations describe
 - each member's contribution
 - the benefits of the collaboration
 - why the prize should be jointly awarded.

4.1.2 Selection criterion 2

Demonstrated impact

- The achievement's impact on its field of science, and where appropriate, more broadly.

4.2 Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation

For this prize, nominees are required to address different selection criteria at each stage.

4.2.1 Stage 1: Selection criterion 1

Demonstrated pathway to commercialisation

- The key research and development efforts involved in translating science knowledge into a commercially available product, process or service that has had substantial economic, social, and where relevant, environmental benefits.
- For team nominations describe
 - each member's contribution
 - the benefits of the collaboration
 - why the prize should be jointly awarded.

4.2.2 Stage 1: Selection criterion 2

Demonstrated value and benefit to Australia

- The direct and indirect benefits of the innovation and its public good value.

4.2.3 Stage 2: Selection criterion 1

Demonstrated pathway to commercialisation through innovation

- The key research and development efforts involved in innovatively translating scientific knowledge into a commercially available product, process or service that has had substantial economic, social, and where relevant, environmental benefits.
- The research and innovation pathway to the final product, process or service and its commercialisation, including
 - the roles and contributions of those involved
 - any patents granted or applied for.
- For team nominations describe
 - each member's contribution to the development of the innovation and its commercialisation
 - the benefits of the collaboration
 - why the prize should be awarded jointly.

4.2.4 Stage 2: Selection criterion 2

Demonstrated value and benefit to Australia

- The direct and indirect economic, social, and where relevant, environmental benefits of commercialisation such as
 - capital investment and employment outcomes for Australia
 - the value of sales
 - tax revenues
 - royalty streams to the host research organisation
 - new partnerships and synergies
 - the value of its public good.
- Other benefits of the innovation process such as
 - pathways for further research and development on both the commercialised product, process or service and other potential outcomes
 - the number of PhD students involved in the research programs
 - any unexpected outcomes realised through the innovation and product, process or service development processes.

4.3 Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year and Frank Fenner Prize for Life Scientist of the Year

4.3.1 Selection criterion 1

Nature of the research achievement

- The originality and impact of the achievement within its field of science.

4.3.2 Selection criterion 2

Benefit or potential for benefit, to human welfare or society

- The application of the research achievement.

4.4 Prize for New Innovators

4.4.1 Selection criterion 1

Nature of the innovation achievement

- The research and development and innovation involved in translating scientific knowledge into a commercially available product, process or service including
 - the pathway leading to the development and commercialisation of the product, process or service
 - the role of the nominee in the process
 - whether any patents were granted or applied for.
- The originality and impact of the achievement within its field of science.

4.4.2 Selection criterion 2

Demonstrated value and benefit to Australia

- The application of the innovation and its benefits, including the measurable commercial success and any direct and indirect societal and environmental benefits.

5. How we assess your nomination (selection process)

We will first assess your nomination against the eligibility criteria and then against the selection criteria. Only eligible nominations will proceed to selection assessment at each stage of the nomination process. The programme delegate has the authority to determine the eligibility of nominations.

An independent Science Prizes Committee will be established comprising

- the Chief Scientist for Australia (Committee Chair)
- the President and representatives of the Australian Academy of Science
- the President and representatives of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering
- representatives from the business sector.

The committee may re-assign nominations between the Science Prizes, subject to eligibility criteria being met and confirmation from the programme delegate.

In Stage 1 the committee will assess eligible nominations against the selection criteria for each prize, compare them to other eligible nominations, and shortlist them.

In Stage 2, the committee will assess eligible nominations for the shortlisted nominees against the selection criteria, compare them to other eligible Stage 2 nominations and recommend prize recipients.

The nominator's and supporters' Stage 2 statements will be referred to three independent referees with relevant expertise to seek their professional opinions on the claims made in the nomination. The committee may approach alternative referees if they require further confirmation of the nominee's achievements.

If the selection process identifies unintentional errors in your nomination, we may contact you to correct or clarify the errors, but material alterations and additions cannot be accepted.

Nominations must score highly against all selection criteria to be recommended for a Science Prize. If the committee does not consider any of the nominations sufficiently meritorious, they may recommend that a prize not be awarded in that year.

5.1 Final decision

The Minister will make the final decision on the prize recipients taking into account the recommendations of the committee and the availability of programme funds.

We will notify you of the outcome of your nomination in writing following the completion of each stage.

The Minister's decision is final in all matters, including

- the approval of prize recipients
- the prize money to be awarded.

We cannot review decisions.

6. How to submit a nomination

Prior to submitting a nomination you should read and understand these programme guidelines and the nomination form.

You should also ensure the nominee is willing to be nominated, will provide the evidence necessary to support the nomination, and understands the obligations that come with the prize.

You can only submit a nomination when nominations are open. We will publish the opening and closing dates for stage 1 and stage 2 of the nomination process on business.gov.au.

Nominations are a two-stage process. You will need to submit an online nomination form for both stages.

6.1 Submitting a Stage 1 nomination

For a Stage 1 submission, you must

- complete the online Stage 1 [nomination form](http://www.business.gov.au/Assistance/Inspiring-Australia-Science-Engagement/Prime-Ministers-Prizes-for-Science)² on business.gov.au
- address all eligibility and selection criteria
- provide all the information requested including
 - the contact details of two supporters
 - the contact details of three independent referees (two of whom must be based overseas)

² <http://www.business.gov.au/Assistance/Inspiring-Australia-Science-Engagement/Prime-Ministers-Prizes-for-Science>

- provide all necessary attachments including
 - a current two page CV for the nominee
 - certified evidence of the nominee's Australian citizenship or residential status
 - a certified copy of the nominee's testamur (for Frank Fenner, Malcolm McIntosh and New Innovators Prizes only)
 - a statement of assurance that the research or research commercialisation outcomes were achieved within a period of not more than 10 years FTE following the award of the relevant highest degree (for Frank Fenner, Malcolm McIntosh and New Innovators Prizes only).

The CV should include reference to any patents and to four key articles or publications that relate most directly to the work for which the nomination is made. Where the nominee is a joint author, the citation should note whether or not the nominee was the principal author. If the nomination is for a team, at least two of the team members, including the team leader, must be joint authors of at least three of the publications.

6.2 Submitting a Stage 2 nomination

For a Stage 2 submission, you must

- be invited to participate in Stage 2 of the nomination process
- complete the online Stage 2 nomination form on business.gov.au
- address all eligibility and selection criteria
- provide all the information requested
- provide all the necessary attachments including
 - statements from the nominator and both supporters that independently address the selection criteria
 - one copy each of four publications or patents that best describe the nominee's achievement. Any publications that are books should be posted to us.
 - a list of published articles and/or books directly relevant to the nominee's achievement. Where the nominee is a joint author, the citation should note whether or not the nominee was the principal author. If the nomination is for a team the papers must be co-authored by the majority of the team.

6.3 Attachments to your nomination

All material provided by the nominator and supporters must be in Times New Roman 11 point font with margins of at least two centimetres.

Statements from the nominator and supporters must

- use the letterhead of the organisation to which they belong
- specify their position within the organisation.

You must attach supporting documentation to the nomination form in accordance with the instructions provided in the form. Supporters who wish to submit their statements separately should contact us for advice on how to do this.

You should only attach requested documents. We will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

6.4 Submitting your nomination

When you submit your online nomination we will provide you with an automated receipt number and a link to a page to enter your email address to receive acknowledgment and a copy of your complete nomination.

You are responsible for ensuring your nomination is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code 1995* (Cth). We will investigate false or misleading information and may not consider your nomination for the prize. If you discover an error in your nomination after submission you should contact us immediately on 13 28 46.

We may request clarification or additional information from you that does not alter the substance of nomination in response to an omission or error. However we are not bound to accept any additional information, or requests to change nominations, from you after the nomination closing time.

If you require further guidance around the nomination process or if you are unable to submit online contact us at business.gov.au or on 13 28 46.

7. If your nomination is successful

7.1 How the prize will be awarded

Prize recipients will be notified in writing, and invited to receive their awards at the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science awards dinner. The recipients of the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are publicly announced at the awards dinner.

The prize money is deposited into the recipients' accounts shortly after the awards dinner, following receipt of bank account details.

7.2 Obligations of the prize recipient

In the lead up to the awards dinner prize recipients will be contacted regarding preparations for the event.

Following the awards dinner prize recipients may be requested to assist in publicly promoting the teaching and learning of science as important foundations for Australia's continuing economic, social and environmental wellbeing. Recipients should be prepared to undertake a small number of public engagements.

Prize recipients may be invited to present at official events or participate in public events such as National Science Week. Subject to the availability of funds, we may contribute to the travel and accommodation costs of attending an event (to the limit of Government standard rates), where these are not covered by event organisers. Any request to meet such costs will be considered on a case by case basis, based the benefits and value-for-money offered by the event.

We encourage prize recipients to inform us of any invitation to attend an event, and whether the invitation was accepted.

Where a prize recipient decides to use their share of the prize to benefit others (for example through the creation of a scholarship or enhancement of a science education program), the recipient is requested to notify us of this decision and its outcomes.

7.3 Tax obligations

The cash prizes awarded as part of the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are not assessable as income under either section 6-5 or section 10-5 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, or under paragraph 26(e) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.

7.4 Use of materials

Material created by the Commonwealth for the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science, such as media statements, interviews, videos and photographs are the property of the Commonwealth and may be used or disclosed by us in the promotion of science, innovation or science education programmes.

8. Conflicts of interest

8.1 Our conflict of interest responsibilities

A conflict of interest occurs when private interests conflict with obligations under a grant or prize. A conflict of interest can be

- real (or actual)
- apparent (or perceived)
- potential.

We recognise that conflicts of interest may arise with our staff, technical experts, advisory committee members and others delivering the programme between

- their programme duties, roles and responsibilities and
- their private interests.

We manage our conflicts of interest according to the *APS Code of Conduct (section 13 (7) of the Public Service Act 1999)*. We publish our conflict of interest policy on the [Department of Industry, Innovation and Science³](#) website.

Programme officials must declare any conflicts of interest. If we consider a conflict of interest is a cause for concern, that official will not take part in the assessment of nominations under the programme.

9. How we use your information

Unless the information you provide to us is

- confidential information as per 9.1, or
- personal information as per 9.2,

we may share the information with other government agencies for a relevant Commonwealth purpose such as

- to improve the effective administration, monitoring and evaluation of Australian Government programmes
- for research
- to announce the awarding of prizes.

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<http://www.industry.gov.au/AboutUs/InformationPublicationScheme/Ourpolicies/Pages/Library%20Card/ConflictofInterestInsideTradeExpectationsofInnovationEmployees.aspx>

9.1 How we handle your confidential information

We will treat the information you give us as sensitive and therefore confidential if it meets one of the four conditions below.

1. You clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential.
2. The information is commercially sensitive.
3. Disclosing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else.
4. You provide the information with an understanding that it will stay confidential.

9.1.1 When we may disclose confidential information

We may disclose confidential information to

- the committee and our Commonwealth employees and contractors, to help us manage the programme effectively
- the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
- the responsible Minister or Parliamentary Secretary
- a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament
- members of the Australian Parliament.

We may also disclose confidential information if

- we are required or authorised by law to disclose it
- you agree to the information being disclosed, or
- someone other than us has made the confidential information public.

9.2 How we use your personal information

We must treat your personal information according to the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) and the *Privacy Act 1988*. This includes letting you know

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- to whom we give your personal information.

We may give the personal information we collect from you to our employees and contractors, the committee, and other Commonwealth employees and contractors, so we can

- manage the programme
- research, assess, monitor and analyse our programmes and activities.

We, the Minister or the Prime Minister, may

- announce the names of prize recipients to the public
- publish personal information on the department's websites.

You may read our [Privacy Policy](http://www.industry.gov.au/Pages/PrivacyPolicy.aspx)⁴ on the department's website for more information on

- what is personal information

⁴ <http://www.industry.gov.au/Pages/PrivacyPolicy.aspx>

- how we collect, use, disclose and store your personal information
- how you can access and correct your personal information.

9.3 Public announcement

We will publish non-sensitive details of prize recipients on business.gov.au and the [department's website](#)⁵ as per the reporting requirements of the *Commonwealth Grants and Rules Guidelines* and consistent with the [Australian Government Public Data Policy Statement](#)⁶, unless otherwise prohibited by law. This information may include

- the recipient's name
- description of the awarded achievement
- amount of prize money awarded.

We publish this information to ensure open access to non-sensitive data within Australian Government agencies to enable greater innovation and productivity across all sectors of the Australian economy.

9.4 Freedom of information

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) applies to all documents we create, receive or store about the programme. If someone requests a document under the FOI Act, we will release it (though we may need to consult with you or other parties first) unless it meets one of the exemptions set out in the FOI Act.

10. Enquiries and feedback

For further information or clarification you can contact us on 13 28 46 or by web chat or through our online enquiry form at business.gov.au.

Questions you ask us may form the basis of a response that we will publish on our website as Frequently Asked Questions.

The AusIndustry [Customer Service Charter](#) is available at business.gov.au. AusIndustry uses customer satisfaction surveys to improve its business operations and service.

If you have a complaint, contact us on 13 28 46 or at [business.gov.au](#). We will refer your complaint to the appropriate manager.

If you are not satisfied with the way we handle your complaint, you can contact

Head of Division
 AusIndustry – Business Services
 GPO Box 9839
 CANBERRA ACT 2601

You can also contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#)⁷ with your complaint (call 1300 362 072). There is no fee for making a complaint, and the Ombudsman may conduct an independent investigation.

⁵ <http://www.industry.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

⁶ <http://www.dpvc.gov.au/resource-centre/data/australian-government-public-data-policy-statement>

⁷ <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/>

Appendix A. Definitions of key terms

In these *Guidelines* unless otherwise defined:

AusIndustry means the division of the same name within the *department*.

Committee means the Science Prizes Committee.

Conflict of Interest means the exercise of a power or making of a decision by a person in a way that may be, or may be perceived to be, influenced by either a material personal interest (whether financial or non-financial) or a material personal association.

Collaboration means a joint participation on the same research project to which all team members have contributed leading to a specified research or research commercialisation achievement.

Department means the *Department* of Industry, Innovation and Science.

Eligible Nomination means a nomination for a *Science Prize* under the *Prime Minister's Prizes for Science* that the *Programme Delegate* has determined is eligible for assessment in accordance with these *guidelines*.

Innovation means the process of translating scientific research into goods and services that creates a significant positive change, adding economic value and social benefit through the development of a new or improved product or service that is available on the market.

Minister means the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

Nomination Form means the document issued by the *Programme Delegate* that *nominators* use to nominate *nominees* for Science Prizes under the *programme*.

Nominator means the person making a nomination of a *nominee*.

Nominee means the individual or team being nominated for a *Science Prize*.

Personal Information means the same as in the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*.

Prize money means the monetary prize made available by the Commonwealth of Australia to *prize recipients* under the *programme*.

Prize Recipient means an individual or team that has been awarded a Science Prize.

Programme means the Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Programme.

Programme Delegate means an employee of the *department* who is authorised by the *Minister*, or is otherwise duly authorised, to carry out the relevant functions in respect of the *programme*.

Programme Funding or Programme Funds means the funding made available by the Commonwealth for the *programme* in any given financial year. This is the funding specified in the Portfolio Budget Statement (as varied by any Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement or by the *Minister*) for that year.

Programme Guidelines or Guidelines means these *guidelines* that the *Minister* gives to the *department* to provide a framework to operate and administer the *programme*, as in force from time to time.

Referee means someone identified by either the Nominator or the Science Prizes Committee in addition to the Supporters who will be approached for independent concerning the achievement/s of the Nominee.

Science Prizes collectively refers to the five science and innovation prizes: the Prime Minister's Prize for Science, the Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation, the Frank Fenner Prize for Life

Scientist of the Year, the Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year and the Prize for New Innovators.

Science Prizes Committee means the body by the same name established by the *Minister* to consider and assess *Eligible Nominations* and make recommendations to the *Minister* for prizes under the *Programme*.

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