



James Tizard Memorial Prize

The prize is a tribute to the contribution made by James Tizard to the Australian eResearch landscape. The objective of the Prize is to reward the work of an outstanding researcher while highlighting the critical role that eResearch infrastructure plays in supporting research advances.

The prize is open to Australian researchers best able to demonstrate the role played by eResearch infrastructure in the success of their research endeavours. To be eligible, the researcher must be affiliated with an Australian university or publicly funded research organisation.

The prize comprises a cash payment of \$5000 for use towards the costs associated with attending a future overseas conference.

Applications should address the following selection criteria and seek to highlight innovative uses of eResearch infrastructure:

- **Originality of the research** – Describe how the research is novel or innovative and how the use of eResearch infrastructure assisted in making it so.
- **Use of eResearch infrastructure**– Describe the use of eResearch infrastructure. For example, this may include eResearch infrastructure arising from investments under the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) and the Super Science Initiative, as well as state government investments.
- **Research excellence and impact** – Describe the impact and benefits of the research and provide evidence of national and/or international recognition.
- **Potential impacts** – Outline the impact, or potential impact, and benefits of the research.



James Tizard was most recently the Chief Executive Officer of SABRENet Ltd, (www.sabrenet.edu.au) a non-profit company that builds advanced broadband networks for Adelaide's research and education institutions.

James was also the Director for the National Research Network Project, funded from the Education Investment Fund under the Super Science (Future Industries) initiative, through the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

Prior to this James initiated the South Australian government's Broadband SA program, which worked collaboratively with local government around the State, especially in regional areas, to bring broadband to residents and businesses.

James had a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from the University of South Australia and a Master of Science degree in Cognitive Neuroscience from Flinders University, but computing, and networking and the application of technology to research and education was his passion.

A self declared “computer expert” he had a superb range of communication, legal, financial and political skills – a rare combination.

James had a common sense approach and an ability to deal effectively with complex, changing environments. He had a record of making good things happen - none more so than achieving his vision of helping South Australian educators and researchers enjoy the fastest possible internet speeds.

His leadership, energy and passion for what he did will be long remembered. James passed away in August 2011.

Closing date for submissions - 16 December 2011

Required information

- title and full name;
- current substantive position/s and position/s when research was undertaken, affiliated with an Australian university or publically funded research organisation;
- address (business and home), telephone and email;
- a curriculum vitae of not more than two typed A4 pages;
- documentary evidence of Australian citizenship or permanent resident status (a certified copy of the front page of an Australian passport, or of an Australian citizenship certificate or birth certificate);
- details of the field/s in which the work was done;
- brief title and summary of the work;
- full details of the work, answering all selection criteria; and
- details of two referees.

Application materials

The application must meet all of the required information outlined above and address all selection criteria in plain English. The total material provided should not exceed eight A4 pages in length. It must not be typed in less than 11 point font with at least 2 cm margins. An application that does not meet these requirements may be declined.

Provision of false or misleading information

Please note that it is a serious offence to provide false or misleading information. If an application is incomplete or contains information that is considered misleading, it will be excluded from further consideration.

Confidentiality and privacy

The Department gives no undertaking to keep confidential the information provided in the application unless this is clearly identified as information that the applicant considers should be treated as confidential, including reasons for this treatment. The Department reserves the right to accept or refuse a request to treat information as confidential. The Department's obligation to keep information confidential will not be breached if the information is authorised or required to be disclosed by law.

The Department, its contractors and agents are bound by the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988, which prevents personal information from being disclosed without appropriate consent, unless the disclosure is required or authorised by law.

Assessment of applications

The award of the prize will be guided by the recommendations of the Chair, Executive Director and members of the Australian eResearch Infrastructure Council (AeRIC) and the General Manager, Research Infrastructure Branch of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

An applicant short-list will be developed and considered at the February 2012 meeting of the Australian eResearch Infrastructure Council. All eligible applications will be carefully considered. All decisions taken and recommendations made shall be binding and final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Award Secretariat Details

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