



ACRS Medal

The Australian Coral Reef Society (ACRS) as the oldest organisation worldwide to study and protect Coral Reefs (since 1922) will award a prestigious medal to recognise excellence in Australian coral reef research.

This award will be presented at the ACRS Annual conference and the awardees should give a plenary lecture at an ACRS conference within 2 years of the award.

ACRS Medal Guidelines

The ACRS will be awarded in sequential years in the following categories, based on an individual's contribution to science and conservation of Australia coral reefs:

- i) Early Career Researcher (ECR, < 10 years since PhD awarded)
- ii) Established researcher (ER, > 10 years since PhD awarded)
- iii) Science Education and Conservation (SEC)

Nomination process

Nominations for the awards can be made by ACRS members or non-members and should be sent to the ACRS President (via the ACRS Secretary). The nominee must be based in Australia and a financial member of the ACRS at the time of nomination and acceptance (if successful). Self-nominations are accepted. The 2018 ACRS Medal will be awarded to an early career researcher who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the science, conservation, and/or management of Australian coral reefs. The letter of nomination should comprise a completed copy of the nomination proforma, including:

- (1) a summary of the nominee's contribution to the science, management, and service to Australian coral reefs, detailing the area of the research and its significance
- (2) Short (3 page) CV that highlights key contributions

Additional information may be sought from specialists in the nominee's field.

The nominations will be assessed by a selection panel, chaired by the ACRS President.

The recipient of the award will be presented with a citation and ACRS Medal.

Selection criteria are



1. Development of new insights into Australian marine environments and systems,
2. The initiation of new fields of study or new applications, advances in adaptive management, and the creation of techniques now regarded as standard methods.
3. service to the coral reef scientific and management communities

Nominations for the *2018 Early Career Researcher Medal* should be sent to the Secretary of ACRS (austcoralreefsoc@gmail.com) by 5pm on Friday 9th February 2018. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Frequency of awards

Medals to be awarded in following sequence starting in 2015:

- 2015: Early Career Researcher (*Dr Nick Graham*)
- 2016: Established Researcher (*Prof Terry Hughes*)
- 2017: Science Advocacy (*Dr Russell Kelley*)
- 2018: Early Career Researcher
- 2019: Established Researcher
- 2020: *No award- ICRS year*
- 2021: Science Advocacy