

LSQ QIMR BERGHOFFER WOMAN OF INFLUENCE AWARD

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This award recognises an individual woman for her endeavours, passion and dedication to the Queensland life sciences sector over her career.

The Woman of Influence Award celebrates a trailblazing woman whose career has significantly advanced the growth and success of the Queensland life sciences sector. She has made contributions that extend beyond her current role, establishing strong and influential networks that span academia, industry and government. Her collaborative and inclusive leadership inspires and empowers others, breaking down barriers and leads initiatives that advance the next generation of women in the life sciences with strong advocacy for diversity and inclusivity.

PRIZES

- A commemorative statuette
- **\$2,000 in prize money**

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicants can be nominated by an external party or can nominate themselves.
- Self nomination must be signed off by a senior manager, business owner or director.
- Award nominees must accept their nomination.
- Nominations must address the Award Judging Criteria.
- Submissions will be judged by a panel of industry experts.
- Nominations must be received by midnight **Friday 31 July**.

Finalists announced week of 17 August

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Award nominees must:

- identify as a woman and be in the mid to late stages of their career (>10 yrs post penultimate degree).
- work for an LSQ member organisation in any area of the life sciences or be willing to join prior to application submission
- not have won this award in the past five years.
- not have served on the LSQ Board of Directors for the past three years.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges are seeking a trailblazing woman whose career has significantly advanced the growth and success of the Queensland life sciences sector.

Your submission should provide evidence that you (or your nominee) has in the last 12 months:

- made contributions that enhance the Queensland life sciences industry beyond your current role, demonstrating strong and influential networks that span the boundaries of academia/industry and government, showcasing a strong collaborative and inclusive working environment.
- demonstrated leadership by inspiring and empowering others, breaking down barriers both within and beyond their current role and leading initiatives that advance women in the life sciences with strong advocacy of diversity and inclusivity.
- shaping the next generation of the life science sector through initiatives such as mentoring and research organisation collaborations.