

# LSQ RADIUM CAPITAL EMERGING INNOVATOR AWARD

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This award recognises an emerging life sciences company that is transforming innovative research into real-world impact. The award celebrates early-stage ventures that demonstrate scientific excellence, commercial potential, strong execution, and a commitment to advancing Queensland's life sciences ecosystem.

The winning Emerging Innovator will have demonstrated significant achievements during the past 12 months, translating innovation into meaningful outcomes through research, product development, commercialisation, clinical advancement, or industry adoption. They will have established a strong foundation for future growth and shown the potential to create lasting impact within Queensland, Australia, and beyond.

## 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:

- be an early-stage company or spin-out (typically established within the last 5 years) operating within the Queensland life sciences sector who has not previously won this award.
- have a head office or operational presence in Queensland.
- have an established corporate structure (spinout, startup or similar).
- not have current management or directors who have served on the LSQ Board in the past three years.
- be a member of LSQ or be willing to join LSQ prior to application submission.
- demonstrate measurable progress or achievements within the previous 12 months.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Please ensure your submission provides evidence demonstrating how your company (or your nominee) meets the eligibility and judging criteria in the last 12 months:

- development of novel technology, products, services, digital applications, processes or scientific advancement that address a significant challenge or unmet need in the life sciences sector.
- includes not just the initial creation of something novel, but can demonstrate a credible pathway towards commercialisation, adoption and sustainable growth that will have substantial impact on the Queensland and Australian life sciences sector.
- can clearly demonstrate tangible innovation progress, which may include IP development or protection, prototypes or proof-of-concept, pilot programs, early adoption or funding secured.
- has a clearly articulated mission that serves the Queensland life sciences sector and will contribute to the sector's growth and success.
- demonstrates commitment to ESG excellence (environment, social and governance).