

LSQ MERCK LIFE SCIENCE RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD

11 SEPTEMBER 2026 | BRISBANE

This award recognises an individual or organisation whose dedication contributes to the ongoing success and sustainability of rural and regional Queensland's life sciences industry.

The Life Science Rural and Regional Service Award recognises individuals or organisations that have made significant contributions to the life sciences sector in rural and regional Queensland in the last 12 months. Awardees have demonstrated success and sustainability, impacting both the industry and the communities in which they work or volunteer. Their influence extends beyond their local area, positively affecting the broader rural, remote or regional life sciences industry in Queensland, surpassing the impact on Southeast Queensland and Greater Brisbane. These role models exhibit innovation and creativity in their work and help elevate the profile and capabilities of rural and regional Queensland in the life sciences sector.

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:

- work or volunteer for an LSQ member organisation in any area of the life sciences and be primarily based in rural or regional Queensland (excluding Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Redland Bay, Logan and Ipswich) and be willing to join LSQ prior to application submission.
- not have won this award in the last five years.
- not have served on the LSQ Board of Directors in the past three years.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges are seeking an individual or organisation whose dedication has contributed to the ongoing success and sustainability of rural and regional Queensland's life sciences industry.

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

- positively impacted the industry and community in which they work or volunteer.
- positively impacted the broader rural, remote or regional Queensland area above and beyond the impact on Southeast Queensland/greater Brisbane.
- demonstrated they are a role model to the community they serve.
- demonstrated innovation and creativity in their work.
- helped raise rural and regional Queensland's profile and capabilities in the life sciences sector through partnerships and/or across the sector/community.