Australian Government

THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIZES FOR SCIENCE

Science teaching prizes

2027

Nominate for the 2027 prizes

Nominate an inspiring STEM teacher. Nominations close 7 January 2027 at 5:00 pm AEDT.

The Prime Minister's Prizes for Excellence in Science Teaching celebrate teachers who inspire students to engage in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

There are 2 teaching prizes:

- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools
- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools.

Prize recipients receive $250,000 in prize money, a medallion and national recognition of their work. Highly ranked nominees may also receive a Highly Commended certificate.

Why nominate

Nominating someone spotlights their achievements, helps ensure their efforts are seen, valued and remembered. It could enhance the nominee's career, confidence or visibility.

Who can nominate

- The nominator must be someone personally knowledgeable of the nominee's work.
- The principal or head of school for the nominee must be involved as either the nominator or a supporter.
- If the nominee is a principal, a school executive or a counterpart in a school authority must be involved as the nominator or a supporter.

Who can be nominated

Nominees of the Science Teaching Prizes:

- must have at least 10 years' experience as a classroom teacher in Australia (teachers on parental leave who plan to return are eligible)
- must teach STEM education in the classroom at the time of their nomination
- must be a registered teacher at a primary or secondary school listed on the Australian Schools List.

Diversity in nominations matters

The prizes celebrate the breadth and diversity of Australia's best talent.

Recipients become role models for people working in STEM. We encourage nominations from:

- women and gender diverse people
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples
- people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- LGBTQIA+ people
- people living in regional and remote areas
- people living with disabilities
- people from low socio-economic backgrounds
- neurodivergent people.

Nominations are assessed relative to opportunity. Career breaks, caring responsibilities, community roles and cultural obligations will not disadvantage nominees.

How to nominate

Go to **industry.gov.au/PMPrizesNominate** and read the guidelines. Complete your stage 1 nomination via the link to the online portal.

- Address all eligibility and assessment criteria.
- Include the contact details of 2 supporters.
- Provide an up-to-date CV for your nominee.

If your nomination progresses to stage 2, you will be asked to provide more detail.

Key dates for the 2027 prizes

- Stage 1 nominations close: **Thursday 7 January 2027 at 5:00 pm AEDT**
- Assessment and shortlisting
- Stage 2 nominations open: **mid-April 2027**
- Stage 2 nominations close: **early May 2027**
- Recipients announced: **late 2027**

Start your nomination early and don't miss the closing date.

Find out more

To find out more about the prizes and read the 2027–29 guidelines, go to

industry.gov.au/PMPrizesNominate

The prizes are funded through the Australian Government's *Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Program*.