

The Royal Society of Tasmania Annual Doctoral (PhD) Awards

- Awarded annually in any field within the Society's purview.
- The value of each award is \$1,000 (AUD).
- No more than three years or three years equivalent full-time shall have passed since the award of the nominee's PhD.

Biographies

RM Johnston Memorial Medal

Robert Mackenzie Johnston (1843-1918) was a statistician and scientist. He was born in Scotland and emigrated to Australia in 1870. Johnston had a keen interest in all branches of science, especially geology, but also music and education. Johnston served as Vice-President of the RST from 1897-1911 and from 1916-1917. The RM Johnston Memorial Medal was established in 1920, and first awarded in 1923.

Clive Lord Memorial Medal

Clive Errol Lord (1889-1933) was born in Hobart, trained as an architect and developed an interest in natural history. He was the State's leading ornithologist and from 1923-33 he was the Director of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. Lord served as Secretary of the RST from 1918-33. Lord wrote numerous papers on the Tasmanian natural environment and its history. The first award of the Clive Lord Medal was in 1938.

MR Banks Medal

Maxwell Robert Banks (1925-2014) was an expert on the geology and resources of Tasmania. Banks held various RST offices between 1966 and 1996 and was Editor of the *Papers and Proceedings of The Royal Society of Tasmania* for 27 years. He published prolifically, including in education. In 1998 the Royal Society of Tasmania awarded the inaugural MR Banks Medal.

Peter Smith Medal

Peter Warnock Smith (1924-2017) was an inorganic chemist, who at the University of Tasmania introduced new research and teaching topics, such as analytical chemistry, industrial and applied chemistry, chemistry for engineers. Smith was a long-term contributor to the RST and was President in 2006. The inaugural Peter Smith Medal was awarded in 2018.

Louisa Anne Meredith Medal

Louisa Anne Meredith (1812-1895) (née Twamley) came to Tasmania in 1840 and proved to be a prolific artist and author while in Van Diemen's Land. She published over a dozen books, many of which she illustrated herself. Louisa became the first female Honorary Member of the RST in 1881. The RST owns many of her sketches and watercolours and some of her books. The Louisa Anne Meredith Medal was established in 2023.



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The Royal Society of Tasmania was founded in 1843 and established botanical gardens and a museum that were forerunners of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens and the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. Its members come from many walks of life and have a variety of interests.

The modern goal of the Society is the "advancement of knowledge" and is achieved through offering a program of public lectures, publishing a journal (the *Papers and Proceedings of The Royal Society of Tasmania*) and books, sponsoring educational events.

The Society also makes its Library and Art Collections available for research, and offers medals and awards to outstanding scholars.

The Society's Office is in TMAG,
Davey Street, Hobart.

A branch was established in Launceston
in 1853 and operates from the QVMAG.

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The Royal Society of Tasmania Medal

- Awarded to a scholar for substantial original research in any subject within the Society's purview.
- A significant part of the research shall have been conducted while the Awardee was resident in Tasmania.
- The Awardee must have been, in the view of the Council, an active member of the Society for at least five years.



RM Johnston Memorial Medal

- Awarded to a scholar of great distinction in any field within the Society's purview.



Clive Lord Memorial Medal

- Awarded to a scholar distinguished for research in Tasmanian science or Tasmanian history.
- The Award will alternate between the fields of science and history, unless particular circumstances dictate otherwise.



MR Banks Medal

- Awarded to a scholar of distinction in their mid-career in any field within the Society's purview.
- The research is to have largely been carried out in Tasmania or under the aegis of a Tasmanian-based organisation.



Peter Smith Medal

- Awarded to an outstanding early career researcher.
- The research is to have been largely carried out in Tasmania or under the aegis of a Tasmanian-based organisation.



Louisa Anne Meredith Medal

- Awarded to a person who excels in the field of arts or humanities or both, with outstanding contributions evidenced by creative outputs.