

PETER BARRINGTON GOLD MEDAL AWARD

History

The Peter Barrington Gold Medal Award was established in 1985 as an endowment by the Hammerson Group of Companies in recognition of the contribution to the property profession by Peter Barrington. The purpose of the award is to encourage research and excellence in the study of land economy through the presentation of a major work in support of an approved academic program.

The award lapsed for a short period but was reinstated and awarded in 2019 to JyotiRao for her thesis *Fundamental Functionings of Landowners: Understanding the relationship between land ownership and wellbeing through the lens of 'capability'*. In 2020, the Peter Barrington Award was awarded to Dr Tiffany Hutcheson for her thesis "Investment in Property by Australian Superannuation schemes".

Eligibility

The Award is open to all Australian students undertaking a course of study at the Masters or PHD level in a property professional field at an Australian academic institution.

Submissions from other academic faculties (eg. accounting, law, business administration) shall also be accepted for consideration where the subject matter of the research is considered to be relevant to the advancement of land economy.

Judging

Judging of entries for the Peter Barrington Gold Medal Award shall be a Panel constituted from the APREF Research Committee.

The Panel shall review entries, giving due consideration to the contribution of the work to the advancement in the knowledge or practice of land economy.

An assessment rubric will be used by the appointed Panel judges in ranking the submissions. Papers graded a Pass will not be eligible for the Award. Marks for individual papers will not be provided to applicants and will be used for internal review and assessment purposes only.

Criteria

The entry shall be a thesis or paper which has been prepared as a component part of the Masters or PhD course of study undertaken by the student. Whilst there is no word limit, the written submission should reflect the level of research and analysis expected of a Master or PhD thesis.

All submissions are to be accompanied by an endorsement from the student's Master's or PhD supervisor.

Submissions must be lodged via email (with the paper attached as a PDF document) Completion with a cover sheet recording the details of the author, a brief summary of the thesis and a supporting statement from the supervisor from educational institution at which the study is being undertaken.

The work shall be submitted to apref@api.org.au by **no later than 30 September 2021**. The work must have been submitted for assessment within a year of this date (i.e., no earlier than 30 September 2020).

The Award

The winner shall be awarded a framed certificate of merit, complimentary API membership for one year and a cheque to the value of \$A1000. The winner will also be expected to present their research to the API membership, most likely via the APREF Research Seminar Series.

This award shall be presented at an API hosted function. The date of presentation shall be at the discretion of the Chairperson of the APREF Board.

Peter Barrington award judging rubric

Criteria	Distinction (between 76-100%)	Credit (between 60-75%)	Pass (between 50-60%) NB papers awarded a Pass will not be considered for the Award
Problem (up to 20 marks)	Identifies and defines a novel and enduring problem in the field of property economics	Identifies and refines an enduring problem in the field of property economics	Presents an enduring problem in the field of property economics
Approach (up to 20 marks)	Excellent method for addressing the identified problem	Sound method for addressing the identified problem	Method addresses the identified problem but needs refinement
Communication (up to 20 marks)	Effective and concise expression and structure enabling the reader to easily understand the contribution of the research and to follow the findings.	Clear and concise expression and structure enabling the reader to understand the contribution of the research.	Written expression, and clarity is at minimum level expected but the research would be enhanced upon review and rewrite.
Industry engagement (up to 40 marks)	Evidence of direct engagement with the Property industry throughout the research journey including shaping the problem and sharing the findings. Evidenced in meetings, presentations and publications in property industry journals and professional online media.	Property industry is well connected in the research journey with the problem and findings shared. Evidenced in presentations and publication on property industry journals and online media.	Property industry loosely connected in the research journey. Research dissemination limited to publication in academic journals and academic institution online media.

