

The Don Stranks Awards

The Don Stranks Awards are open to student members of the RACI and affiliated societies, and recognise outstanding performance in research within a current PhD candidature.



Professor Donald Richard Stranks AO
1929-1986

- Born and educated in Melbourne; PhD from University of Melbourne 1954
- Lecturer, University of Leeds 1954-1960
- Senior Lecturer/Reader, University of Melbourne 1960-1963
- Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, University of Adelaide 1964-1972
- Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, University of Melbourne 1973-1976
- Vice-Chancellor, University of Adelaide 1977-1986

- Rennie Medallist of the RACI 1955
- Burrows Award for Inorganic Chemistry 1977
- Officer of the Order of Australia 1984

- Chairman, AVCC 1984
- Community Aid Abroad

- Author of innovative high-school chemistry texts

Previous winners of The Don Stranks Awards

Two awards are given at each National Conference involving the Inorganic Chemistry Division on the basis of a poster and an oral presentation.

2000

Vivienne Monk (University of Sydney)

Matthew Byrnes (Australian National University)

2003

Tom Waters (University of Melbourne)

Deanna D'Alessandro (James Cook University)

2005

Karena Chapman (University of Sydney)
Rebecca Warr (Australian National University)

2007

Craig Gourlay (University of Melbourne)
Lisa McClintock (University of Otago)

The photograph was taken at the presentation of the awards – from left: Professor Richard Keene (Inorganic Division Chairman), Mrs Caroline Stranks (the widow of Professor Don Stranks), Lisa McLintock and Craig Gourlay.



2008

Matthias Zimmerman (University of Melbourne)
Jonathan Kitchen (University of Otago)

2010

Alan Downward (University of Canterbury)
Reshmi Kiran (La Trobe University)

2011

Melissa V. Werrett (Curtin University) -
left
Madleen Busse (Monash University) -
right



2013

Curtis Ho (University of Tasmania) - *left*
James Lewis (University of Otago) - *right*



2014

David Young (University of Canterbury)
- *left*
Brodie Reid (Curtin University) - *right*



2016

Ciara Caporale (Curtin University) - *left*
Gemma Gransbury
(University of Melbourne) - *right*



2017

Michael Huxley (University of Adelaide) – *left*
Stacey Rudd (University of Melbourne) – *right*



2019

Jessica Bilyj (University of Queensland) – *below left*
Martin van Koeperden (University of Melbourne) – *below right*

