

The Miriam Dell award

The Miriam Dell Award for Excellence in Science Mentoring is awarded biennially by the New Zealand Association for Women in the Sciences to someone who demonstrates outstanding mentoring efforts to retain females in science, mathematics or technology.

Guidelines for nominating

When awarding the Miriam Dell Award for Excellence in Science Mentoring, the Panel will be looking for someone in the science sector who acts as a mentor of females in science. To qualify, they will have demonstrated a significant contribution in assisting females in developing their scientific abilities, encouraging retention of women in science, and in the advancement and promotion of science, mathematics or technology in New Zealand.

Mentors may be related to any part of the science system from tertiary education onwards, for example lecturers and supervisors in tertiary education, science management or policy, or in the science workplace. Mentees also may be at any stage in the science system – from tertiary student to in the science workforce. Nominations will not be accepted from those focused on the secondary or primary education sector.

Please note: The successful recipient will be expected to attend an all expenses paid trip to receive the Award at a time and place designated by AWIS. The recipient will also be expected to contribute to publicity around the award, both in the year of receipt and subsequent years, with the support of AWIS.

Nominations

Nominations may be made by any person. The Association for Women in the Sciences (AWIS) Executive Committee reserves the right to decline any nomination.

Any person may be nominated as long as he or she meets the requirements in accordance with the guidelines. Nominees will normally be expected to be living and working in New Zealand, but people living overseas with strong New Zealand connections, either personally or through their work, will also be eligible.

A Nomination Form must be completed.

Nominations are to include one set of the following:

- A CV of the nominee;
- A Nomination statement giving details of the relevant contributions the nominee has made in mentoring females in science, mathematics or technology ;
- A brief statement (not above 100 words) giving reasons why the nominee should be awarded the medal. The statement should be in a form that can be used in publicity;
- A brief citation (not above 40 words) which may be used for publicity purposes;
- Supporting letters from, as well as names and e-mail addresses of, two referees who can endorse the nominee's suitability for the award.

Please note:

Short CVs should include the nominee's study and employment history in science as well as all awards, positions or offices held where appropriate. Publications should only be cited when relevant to the nominee's mentoring experience or to mentoring in science in general.