

Biotech student awards open

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AUSBIOTECH and GlaxoSmithKline have opened nominations for their annual Student Excellence Award.

The awards have been running for more than five years, and recognise and encourage promising researchers in the life science sector.

One winner from each state will travel to the AusBiotech conference in Melbourne in October to pitch their research to conference delegates, as if they were seeking to commercialise their work.



The student winners will also get the opportunity to network with the commercial and corporate delegates to the conference.

GSK R&D Alliances head Dr Ashley Bates said winners would gain valuable experience in the commercial aspects of the biotech sector.

"GSK is proud to support the student awards. While it's always valuable to celebrate achievement in science, it is also so important to encourage an understanding of the business aspects of the bioscience field for those entering it.

"This leads to better research outcomes and a stronger people 'pipeline' for academia and industry in Australia," he said.

AusBiotech chief executive Dr Anna Lavelle said student research was a critical factor in the cycle that took discoveries through the commercialisation process.

"The student awards program, made possible through GSK's support, is a key driving factor in the development of our future bio-industry leaders," she said.

The awards close on August 7. More information can be found at the [AusBiotech website](#), or contact Lorraine Chiroiu at AusBiotech at Ichiroiu@ausbiotech.org or 0429 801 118.



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