

The Bommies Award Application details

Criteria

The Bommies will be awarded for an innovative solution or adaptation concept for the Reef, which meets the following criteria:

- Be innovative – significantly extending existing research and management actions;
- Deliver practical outcomes to reef managers;
 - Must be able to be implemented
 - Applicability of the concept may be short and/or long term
- Have climate change and the Reef's viability as its primary focus;
- Have as its goal a measurable impact on the sustainability of the Reef in the face of the climate change threat; and
- Wherever possible, not otherwise diminish the economic, social or cultural value of the Reef.

Notes:

1. Proposals will be considered from all applicants with relevant qualifications, including those outside the marine science sector.
2. Applications are **not** limited to individuals; an application may come from a group. However, applications from commercial entities are **excluded**.
3. Only **one** prize of \$10,000 will be awarded, regardless of the number of participants in an application.
4. The award acknowledges the **quality** of the idea. There is no commitment by either the Foundation or its research partners to fund a project to develop the concept. However, the exposure provided by the Foundation through its International Science Advisory Committee and Working Groups creates the potential for such a project to be funded.
5. The constraints on the spending of the \$10,000 are that the winner is expected to **fund** his/her/ their costs of presenting the winning concept to the Foundation and developing the concept further for potential investment.
6. Definitions
 1. Solutions
Solutions seek to minimise or reduce a threat to the Reef and associated habitats.
Examples: emissions reductions, artificial water cooling.
 2. Adaptations
Adaptations either manage, or respond to, the impact on the ecosystem and/or society.
Examples: north-south migration of corals, construction of artificial sea walls.

Conditions of entry:

1. All applicants must be less than 36 years of age at the time of entry, must be a resident of Australia and have completed at least a Bachelor's degree.
2. Submitted materials will not be returned.
3. Any entries received after midnight AEST Friday 18th September 2009 will not be considered.
4. Hard copy applications will not be considered.
5. The deliberations of the judging panel remain confidential. All recommendations and decisions taken are binding and final and no correspondence will be entered into on such matters.
6. Personal information provided in connection with The Bommies Award will be used only by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and only in connection with The Bommies Award.
7. An applicant acknowledges and agrees that its submission is the applicant's own original work.
8. The Great Barrier Reef Foundation acknowledges and agrees that it has no right, title or interest in the intellectual property rights contained in an applicant's written submission.
9. The applicant grants to The Great Barrier Reef Foundation a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty free, irrevocable, non-transferable licence to use all intellectual property rights which are contained within an applicant's written submission for The Bommies Award, for any purpose.