**The Animal Welfare and Excellence (AWE) Awards** program recognizes innovative contributions toward the 3Rs of animal research to advance ethical science, by any researcher or research group, at the University of Melbourne. These awards are meant to promote and inspire the use of the 3Rs in research at the University of Melbourne and to recognize the dedication and effort of researchers implementing the 3Rs.

**Four** awards will be presented in the amounts of a single ***$5,000***, a single ***$3,000*** and two ***$1,000*** denominations.

Applications should be based on research that advances the 3Rs (i.e., the Replacement, Reduction or Refinement of animal use) in the last two (2) years. These may include modifications to existing research techniques or any innovative research approach including, but not limited to: improvements to whole-animal models, replacements or alternatives to animal models (full or partial), and study design or technique refinements (e.g., sampling technologies, improved test methods).

*To apply please send the completed application form to*:

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For further information, contact the animal welfare officers at 9035-8345

 **Applications close at 9am on Monday, 09/12/2019**

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•Call for applications: 15/11/19 onwards.

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