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Chief Scientist

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SEEKING SCIENCE THAT WILL BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

Australia's Chief Scientist Professor Ian Chubb expects nominations for the 2015 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science to reflect the passion of all those involved in science, teaching, research and innovation.

"I am often inspired by the dedicated persistence of those who see a brighter future for Australia through science. We are proud of our researchers and teachers and we know they are passionate about their work. We want to know about it. We need them, or their colleagues or friends, to tell us why what they do is important," said Professor Chubb, who is also Chairman of the Prizes Committee.

The Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are highly regarded awards for excellence in science and science teaching. A new prize for the Commercial Application of Science will be awarded this year.

"I am pleased to see a new prize category which promotes research entrepreneurs as national role models. Recognising our trailblazers is an important part of building an entrepreneurial culture.

"The other categories recognise important work at various stages of the supply line – the teaching of science, early to mid-career research in the life and physical sciences and significant work contributing to a better world."

Nominations are now open for the prizes to be awarded in 2015:

- The **Prime Minister's Prize for Science** recognises a significant advancement of knowledge through science.
- The **Prime Minister's Prize for the Commercial Application of Science** is awarded for the translation of science knowledge into a substantial commercial impact.
- The **Frank Fenner Prize for Life Scientist of the Year** and the **Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year** acknowledge the work of our best early to mid-career scientists.
- The **Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools** and the **Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools** recognise excellence in science teaching.

For further details visit: www.industry.gov.au/scienceprizes

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