

## UQ Library Excellence Awards

In acknowledgment of the use of library resources to support teaching and learning, The University of Queensland Library has recently launched a new prize, the Library Excellence Award. This award may be presented to up to three UQ undergraduates who demonstrate excellence in the use of the Library to enhance their studies. The prize is worth \$500 cash to each winner and is awarded annually.

Ms Mani Heck (Bachelor of Applied Science, UQ Gatton) and Mr Anton Petrenko (International Exchange student in Psychology, UQ St Lucia) were the inaugural winners of this award and joined senior library staff for a special morning tea to celebrate.

To be considered for the prize, both Mani and Anton wrote a 500–700 word essay and submitted two statements of support from academic staff. Their applications were considered the best in demonstrating:

- sophistication, originality and/or unusual depth or breadth in the use of Library resources, databases, primary resources and materials in all media,
- significant personal learning and the development of a habit of research and inquiry that shows the likelihood of persisting in future, and

- exceptional ability to locate, select, evaluate and synthesise library resources and to use them in the creation of a project in any media that shows originality and/or has the potential to lead to original research.

In her essay's concluding remarks, Ms Heck said, 'The Library has not only allowed me to achieve excellent academic results, but it has done so in a way that I have always felt safe to develop and follow my dreams.' Ms Heck plans to complete a PhD in immunology upon graduation.

Mr Petrenko summarised how useful the Library had been to him with the comment, 'I have been taught by the UQ Library how to find useful information in practically every field, a skill I can use in the future as I take on more varied courses.' This will certainly be of value when he returns to his home country.

For more information about the 2007 Library Excellence Award go to: [www.library.uq.edu.au/about/excellenceaward2007.pdf](http://www.library.uq.edu.au/about/excellenceaward2007.pdf).

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*Jean Ryding Award nominees*



*Jean Ryding and Linda Papa*



*Elizabeth Scott and Chantal Carroll*



*Camilla Cavoli and Jenny Flottmann*



*Inaugural winners of the UQL Excellence Award: Anton Petrenko and Mani Heck (in red) with the judging panel, from left: Keith Webster, University Librarian and Director of Learning Services; Professor Susan Hamilton, Deputy President, Academic Board; and UQ Union President, Lucy Weber*

## Presentation of the inaugural Twila Herr Award

Cameron Tang was presented with his award as the inaugural recipient of the Twila Ann Janssen Herr Research Award for Disability Services at a ceremony organised by Robyn Cummins, Information Manager at the Spastic Centre of NSW. Cameron who works at the centre received his award from the CEO, Rob White.

This biennial award is endowed by Twila Herr and encourages a newer graduate to undertake a research project that will lead specifically to improved services for library clients with a disability and at the same time add to the profession's body of knowledge. Cameron's project 'Please ask us! – Adolescents with cerebral palsy speak out' aims to capture collective knowledge of young people with cerebral palsy to inform the provision of a range of information resources.

An obituary of Twila Herr (1946–2007) will appear in the March issue of inCite.

