GROWING JUNIOR TALL POPPIES

Growing Tall Poppies Science Partnership Program

Junior Awards

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WHO ARE WE?

Growing Tall Poppies Science Partnership Program is a partnership between The University of Melbourne, La Trobe University, Deakin University, Griffith University, University of New South Wales, Australian Synchrotron, ANSTO, Catholic Education Office Melbourne, ARC Centre of Excellence in Advanced Molecular Imaging, ARC Centre of Excellence for Mathematical and Statistical Frontiers, Santa Maria College and Charles La Trobe Secondary College.

We are funded by the Australian Government Mathematics and Science Partnership Program.

GOAL

The goal is to increase the number of secondary students studying science, especially girls in physics to Years 11 and 12. This is achieved through partnership, educational and outreach initiatives between schools and science partners.

GROWING THE STUDENTS OF TODAY INTO THE SCIENTISTS OF TOMORROW

Student winners will be recognized for their passion for science and or mathematics and their capacity to communicate the importance and socially transformative capacity of these subjects to their community.

Annually 6 winners in Victoria are elected.

JUNIOR TALL POPPIES VISION

To encourage students especially girls, to study science and particularly physics and mathematics to Year 12. This will enable students to pursue opportunities and a wide range of careers in and beyond science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
THE AWARD

The Junior Tall Poppies Awards recognises ‘student voice’ within schools as an important component to communicate the opportunities that are enabled by the sciences and mathematics.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Student nominations are between 15 and 17 years old.
Students can demonstrate passion for sciences/mathematics and a capacity to communicate.
Student needs to be endorsed by a teacher or principal.

OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

Winning a Junior Tall Poppies Science & Mathematics Award carries benefits in addition to the certificate/trophy:

1. Involvement with cutting edge science
2. Mentorship of a scientist or mathematician in the associated winner’s school
3. Prestige and peer recognition
4. Opportunity to join and enjoy the Growing Tall Poppies Program alumni network of workshops and public events to remain connected with their study of science

OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS

1. Collaborate with teachers and leaders to promote science and mathematics in their school
2. Promote ‘student voice’ to communicate science and mathematics to the wider student population
3. Facilitating school-community scientific engagement with relevant social issues
4. Encourage sciences as a career, a study path or to increase science/maths literacy for good citizenship
5. Opportunity for innovation

AWARD WINNERS WILL RECEIVE

1. Leadership Development Workshop - Friday 22nd June. A personal project will be formulated to communicate the importance of science and mathematics for implementation the following year.
2. Attendance to Growing Tall Poppies in Science Conference December 2015.
3. Awards night celebration where they will receive their award. Held during National Science Week (August 15-23 date to be confirmed).
4. A scientist/maths mentor to assist in implementing the personal project in 2016.
5. Access to a network of science and mathematics workshops at universities and public events during 2016 and beyond.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Go to www.growingtallpoppies.com for further information and nomination forms and procedures.

KEY DATES

Nominations close midnight on May 8th 2015
Announcement of winners on May 31st 2015
Leadership Workshop June 22nd 2015
Awards Evening in the week of August 15th 2015 TBC
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