

# 2014 UQ awards for EXCELLENCE IN RHD supervision

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS CULTURE OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE DEVELOPED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF WORLD-CLASS ACADEMICS AND THE PROVISION OF FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES.

More than 4000 students are currently enrolled in research higher degrees (RHDs) at UQ, and their success is underpinned by advisors who guide them through their candidature. Since 2000, UQ has acknowledged and rewarded outstanding advisors through the Awards for Excellence in RHD Supervision.



**DR SIMON PERRY**

**School of Music**

A flexible and supportive leader, Dr Simon Perry has supervised 26 research higher degree (RHD) candidates to completion, with most achieving positions as composers, performers, researchers and/or academics, either in Australia or overseas.

Balancing open-mindedness with a critical eye, Dr Perry relishes the opportunity to develop intellectually alongside his RHD candidates, and always provides detailed feedback on their projects.

To support their progress, he also holds regular face-to-face meetings tailored to their needs. He endeavours to offer teaching opportunities where possible and encourages all students to gain seminar and event experience.

A dedicated musician, Dr Perry leads by example, encouraging critical self-reflection and independence of thought.



**PROFESSOR TAPAN SAHA**

**School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering**

Since joining UQ in 1996, Professor Tapan Saha has seen 32 research higher degree (RHD) students to completion.

With a significant research output (around 120 articles) and several awards (including IEEE Queensland Power and Energy Society Chapter Outstanding Engineer Award), he leads by example and considers his RHD supervision an integral part of his academic success.

Professor Saha provides one-on-one weekly consultation and mentoring to his students, as well as a collaborative and challenging research environment from where they can learn from the group, advisory team, and best practice. He specialises in delivering an industry environment for his multinational cohort.

Professor Saha sees his key strength as the ability to listen and then provide his students with the necessary resources to achieve their goals.



HIGHLY COMMENDED

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JENNIFER FLEMING**

**School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (Occupational Therapy)**

Associate Professor Jennifer Fleming finds supervising postgraduate students to be the most rewarding part of her job and has seen 14 RHD candidates to completion since 2001.

She believes that each student requires an individualised approach and has trialed many strategies over the years to promote the development of research skills and to ensure timely completion.

Professor Fleming also invests much time and energy getting to know students, building strong, respectful and positive working relationships with them for the best possible learning outcomes.



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