

APPLICATION FORM

The MESH at Murdoch Awards recognise and reward year 10 and 11 high school students in Western Australia for excellence in areas of media.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the MESH at Murdoch Awards, you must meet all of the below criteria, please tick the boxes to make sure you are eligible to enter these awards:

- Be enrolled as a year 10 or 11 WA high school student for the 2017 academic year
- Have permission from a parent or guardian to enter the awards
- Have permission from a teacher within your school to enter the awards
- Give permission for your image and name to be used by the university in their media and publications and to co-operate with reasonable marketing requests for the purpose of publicity for the MESH at Murdoch Awards.

KEY DATES

- July 2017: Entries open
- 6 October 2017: Submission deadline
- 10 November 2017: Top ten finalists announced and contacted via email
- 6 December 2017: Award presentations and Golden Mesh winner announced at Murdoch Media Showcase Event at Murdoch University's South Street campus.

PRIZES

The top ten category finalists will receive a Certificate of Excellence and \$50 JB Hi-Fi voucher. The overall winner will receive \$500 Visa Gift Card, along with the inaugural Golden Mesh trophy. The Golden Mesh Award Ceremony will take place at the Media Showcase Event presented by Murdoch University School of Arts in December 2017.

APPLICATION

Please complete the sections below and ensure you attach all required documents. Email your submission and application form to mesh@murdoch.edu.au. Applications with attachments exceeding the allowable limit can send their entries for free via WeTransfer www.wetransfer.com or email mesh@murdoch.edu.au to make alternative arrangements. Incomplete applications will not be assessed.

Title: _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Year: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name of Teacher: _____

CATEGORY – please select one

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best short dramatic film | <input type="checkbox"/> Best photographic series |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best persuasive speech | <input type="checkbox"/> Best dramatic monologue to camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best video game character concept | <input type="checkbox"/> Best online news story |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Magazine Cover Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Best short story |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best music production | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best audio-recorded interview | |

CHECKLIST - Please ensure all relevant documents are attached with your application

Please tick the box to indicate the relevant documents are attached:

- 1. This completed application form
- 2. Entry Files and Documents

DECLARATION:

1. I declare that the information I have supplied on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
2. I declare that my entry submission is 100% my own work.
3. I have read and understood the terms and conditions outlined below
4. I understand that if any false or misleading information is provided it could lead to the cancellation of my entry and my media teacher will be notified. I also acknowledge and understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Commonwealth Criminal Code.

CONSENT

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian's Email/Phone Number

Signature of Teacher

Teacher's Contact Email/Phone Number

How and when is your application assessed?

All applications are assessed using the following criteria:

- 6 October 2017, 8.00pm: Deadline for applications/applications close
- October 2017: Selection of top 10 finalists by designated academic in each discipline for each category – one from each category
- 10 November 2017: Top 10 Finalists announced and invited to December event (via email to individual and their teacher)
- December 2017: Industry panel selects the winning entry
- Wednesday 6 December 2017: Golden MESH presentation at the Murdoch Media Showcase Event presented by Murdoch School of Arts.

Terms and Conditions

(Please read these Terms and Conditions carefully)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The following terms and conditions apply. By entering the competition offered by Murdoch University, entrants accept these terms and conditions.

1. Entry in the competition is limited to West Australian high school students enrolled in Year 10 or Year 11 for the 2017 academic year.
2. A competitor may submit a maximum of 1 entry per category.
3. All entries must be submitted by email to mesh@murdoch.edu.au before 8pm on Friday, 6 October 2017. All entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed entry application form which can be downloaded from the Mesh at Murdoch Awards website <http://meshatmurdoch.com/MuSpace/mesh-at-murdoch-awards>.
4. All applications forms must be accompanied by two signed endorsements for the entry to be eligible. The forms must be signed by both: 1) the entrant's parent or guardian; and 2) a teacher or official representative of the entrant's high school.
5. Each submission entered must be in the name of one person only. Should the entry win, this designated person will be awarded the relevant prize, and may be contacted regarding publicity.
6. Entries must have been created between 1 January 2017 and 6 October 2017
7. All submissions must not include another person's copyright material. An entry containing work that is in breach of copyright law will render that entry void.
8. All submissions must represent the work of those referred to in clause 1 above.
9. Entrants may submit multiple versions of a single entry provided that any subsequent version is submitted prior to 8pm, 6 October 2017. The last version to be submitted and received before the closure date is the version Murdoch University will judge. No subsequent versions will be accepted after the competition close date.

10. Murdoch University reserves the right to redesignate entries it believes have been improperly placed in a category, to a more appropriate one.
11. Murdoch University may use any film submitted for entry (or an excerpt thereof) for teaching purposes and to promote the competition to the public by whatever means it sees fit. This includes online, print and multimedia. Murdoch University retains this right indefinitely despite the film having been entered into additional competitions.
12. The Golden Mesh winner MUST be willing to participate in promotional activity arranged by Murdoch University. Entry in the competition is deemed as accepting this obligation.
13. All decisions of Murdoch University and its judges are final.
14. All prizes are non-transferable or redeemable for cash.
15. Category winners will be notified by email and/or phone on Friday, 10 November, 2017.
16. The winner of the Golden Mesh Award will be announced at the Murdoch Media Showcase Evening on Wednesday, 6 December 2017.
17. You must agree to these terms and conditions when submitting an entry.

CATEGORY DETAILS

Best Short Dramatic Film:

Produce a dramatic fictional film in any style or genre. Films should be no longer than 5 minutes, must deserve less than an 'M' rating, and must not use copyright material. Submissions will be judged on: Originality and Creativity; Clarity and strength of idea and script; Visual creativity, and good execution in terms of performance, camera, sound and editing.

Best Persuasive Essay:

Write a 300 word persuasive speech on a topic of your choice. The aim is to convey a convincing argument and to persuade your audience to consider your point-of-view. Topics should be drawn from Australian or international politics and social issues, entertainment and sport, education or activism and advocacy. Submissions will be judged on: Demonstrates understanding of speech format (writing for the ear); Demonstrates ability to articulate a clear and cohesive argument; Demonstrates originality of thought and evidence of research; Demonstrates understanding of the intended audience.

Best Video Game Character Concept:

Produce a poster-size game character concept design containing one or more images of your character and text to illuminate their backstory. Via visual and/or textual indications of pose, clothing, equipment, and accessories, convey your character's personality, culture, and capabilities. Characters need not be human, maximum poster image dimensions: 2048x1024px, jpg format. Submissions will be judged on: Originality and creativity of ideas; Clear, distinctive execution; Suitability of character elements in overall design; Attention to detail.

Best Magazine Cover Design:

Create a magazine cover of your own design for your favourite media genre. Design a cover for your own self-published magazine that promotes a character (or characters) of your own design. This character (or characters) can be from a fictitious series of your own creation or an addition to an existing series such as your favourite TV show, movie, comic book, zine, blog, web show, etc. Your magazine cover design should include standard publication requirements such as a title, issue subtitle, captions for what's inside, bar code and price. Submissions will be judged on visual creativity, originality, typography and attention to detail. Submit your project as a PDF document.

Best Music Production:

Create a music production 3-5 minutes in length that you have composed, performed and produced. It can be made using acoustic sources, for example, voices and piano, electronic sources such as computer music technology, or a combination of both. Submissions will be judged on: Technical production quality; Effectiveness of the arrangement; Musicality; Emotional strength; Creativity.

Best Audio Recorded Interview:

Record a 3-5 minute interview you have conducted as the reporter with an interviewee. You will have crafted the questions, the angle of the interview, recorded the sound effects and produced the final edit. Submissions will be judged on: Overall sound quality; Coherent storyline; Choice of talent; Use of sound effects; Quality of editing.

Best Photographic Series:

Produce a series of 5-10 Photographs linked by theme and style. Editing is permitted. Submissions will be judged on: Composition; Use of light; Technical skill; Imagination.

Best Dramatic Monologue to Camera:

Perform a 2 minute monologue to camera without props. Monologue can be original or from existing dramatic text. Submissions will be judged on: Understanding of the language and the character selected; vocal clarity; Understanding of the character's presence through movement and other dramatic techniques pertinent to the role.

Best Online News Story:

Write a 250 – 300 word story that would work on a news website. The story must focus on a real event or thing. The topic is up to the entrant, but the closer to hard news, the better. Students must supply an original supporting photograph, but may also choose to submit a video item, audio item, or other form of multimedia to complement their story. Submissions will be judged on: Story is well and succinctly written; Story meets the specified word count; Interesting topic selection. Extra consideration given to hard news stories; Supporting photograph adds value to the story. Greater consideration will be given to extra multimedia that demonstrates a greater degree of difficulty. *Hard news will be defined as stories of widespread local, national, and international significance.

Best Short Story:

Write an original 1500 word short story in any style or genre. The story must be previously unpublished, and not entered into any other competition. Submissions will be judged on: Demonstration of understanding of the short story form; Engages readers; Demonstration of originality, flair and fluency in style and technique; Reader engagement.

PRIZE DETAILS

Category Prizes

The winner of each category will receive a \$50 JB HiFi Gift Card and Certificate of Excellence on behalf of Murdoch University School of Arts. Winners will be selected by a School of Arts academic who specialises in the specific category entered. Winners will be judged on skill and creativity, and will need to meet the criteria set out in the category details section.

JB HiFi Gift Card Terms and Conditions:

1. Gift Cards entitle the holder to goods/services equal to the value stated on the card or remaining after partial redemption.
2. Gift Cards only redeemable within any JB Hi-Fi Store in Australia and online retail stores (including JB Hi-Fi NOW) but are not redeemable for JB Hi-Fi Direct Import goods or goods purchased from JB Hi-Fi Commercial (including goods purchased from JB Hi-Fi Commercial websites).
3. Gift Cards may not be exchanged (wholly or partly) for cash.
4. The value shown on this card includes GST.
5. Gift Cards are partially redeemable and any unused balance will remain on the Card and cannot be redeemed for cash.
6. If the Card holder's order exceeds the amount of the Gift Card, the Card holder will be required to pay for the difference in price between the value of the Gift Card and the retail price of the goods or services.
7. Gift Cards expire 24 months from the date of issue.

8. Should JB Hi-Fi suspect any fraud relating to a Gift Card, JB Hi-Fi may refuse to redeem the Card until JB Hi-Fi is satisfied that no fraud has occurred.
9. JB Hi-Fi is not liable for any lost/stolen Gift Cards. Please contact a JB Hi-Fi store immediately if your Card has been lost/stolen. Lost/stolen Cards can only be replaced if satisfactory proof of purchase is provided and the Card has not been redeemed.

Golden Mesh Prize

The winner of the Golden Mesh Award will receive a \$500 Visa gift card, and personalised 2017 Golden MESH trophy on behalf of Murdoch School of Arts.

\$500 Load and Go Visa Prepaid Gift Card

The Load&Go Visa Prepaid Gift Card ('Card') is issued by Heritage Bank Limited ABN 32 087 652 024 AFSL 240984 Australian Credit Licence 240984 ('Issuer'). The Issuer can be contacted at PO Box 190, Toowoomba, QLD 4350, and phone 13 14 22. Australian Postal Corporation ABN 28 864 970 579 is the distributor of the Card and is responsible for providing various cardholder services. The full terms and conditions can be found at <http://auspost.com.au/money-insurance/load-and-go-gift-card-terms.html>

The winner will be selected by the MESH judging panel made up of industry academics and professionals.

The Golden Mesh Awards winner will be selected by the MESH judging panel as having exhibited significant understanding and skill in producing creative content in an area of media. The winning entry will demonstrate a sophisticated level of creativity, thought, and originality. The winner of the Golden Mesh Award will be announced at the Murdoch Media Showcase Evening on 6 December 2017.

INDEMNITY

The entrant agrees to indemnify Murdoch University and its respective successors, assignees, licensees, and its respective officers, directors, members, agents and employees and hold them harmless from and against any and all claims, liability, losses, damages, costs, expenses (including reasonable legal fees) and penalties arising out of, resulting from, based upon or incurred because of a breach by an entrant of any statement, representation or warranty made by the entrant in the entry form, including a breach of the copyright warranty below, these procedures and regulations or arising from any negligence whatsoever of the entrant or for any claims whatsoever arising from their submission.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Copyright considerations are the entrant's responsibility. The competitor must own copyright in all aspects of their submission and hereby assigns the copyright to Murdoch University for the purposes of promotion. Material which has been created by other persons (including, but not limited to photography, stills, footage or music) must have the appropriate copyright free status or permission from the copyright holder. If the entrant's submission includes recognisable images of individuals, then permission must be obtained from each individual. Permission must be obtained from the parent/guardian of individuals recognised in any filmed or photographic work if they are less than 18 years of age. Information provided by the entrant may be used by Murdoch University for promotional/publicity purposes.

JUDGING

The deliberations of the MESH judging panel at Murdoch University remain confidential. All recommendations and decisions taken are binding and final. No correspondence will be entered into on such matters.

PRIVACY

The information supplied on the entry and consent form is being collected by Murdoch University, and will be used and disclosed for the purpose of administering and promoting the competition. Your information may also be shared with the judges and employees of Murdoch University. Your name and entry may be disclosed in print and/or electronic form, without additional compensation. Information will also be posted on MESH and Murdoch websites and other marketing materials in relation to advertising and promotional activities. If the personal information you provide is incomplete and/or inaccurate, Murdoch University may be unable to process this entry. You may access the personal information Murdoch University holds about you in accordance with the Murdoch University privacy policy. www.murdoch.edu.au/Privacy/



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