

New fellowship winners announced

Premier Anna Bligh has announced the winners of three Smart State fellowships, which provide funding for early or mid-career researchers to undertake innovative research in Queensland.

Smart State Premier's Fellowship

The winner of the 2008 Smart State Premier's Fellowship is Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, pictured at right. Photo courtesy of Giulio Saggin, The University of Queensland.

Professor Hoegh-Guldberg is the founder of The University of Queensland's Centre for Marine Studies and Deputy Director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies. The five-year fellowship gives a boost of more than \$2.5 million to Great Barrier Reef research by Professor Hoegh-Guldberg and his team.



Queensland Clinical Research Fellowships

Two researchers are recipients of Queensland Clinical Research Fellowships.

The first is Associate Professor Maher Gandhi, Head of the Clinical Immunohaematology Lab at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research and Consultant Haematologist at Princess Alexandra Hospital's Department of Haematology.



Dr Gandhi is undertaking research on lymphoma, which is the fifth most common cancer among Australians. He is pictured above, accepting his fellowship from Premier Anna Bligh. Photo courtesy of Jeremy Patten, The University of Queensland.

The second recipient is Professor Anne Chang, Pediatric Respiratory Physician at Royal Children's Hospital, Head of Child Health at the Menzies School of Health Research and Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health at The University of Queensland.

Professor Chang, pictured at right, is undertaking research into the management of childhood cough.



New direction for Smart Strategy trebles investment in Queensland's people

The updated Smart State Strategy, released on 21 May 2008, signals a change in direction for the state government's Smart State investment program.

The highlight of the 2008 strategy is a trebling of Queensland's investment in people including:

- \$23.3 million to attract and retain some of the brightest minds in science and industry to solve the challenges of the future
- \$25 million to attract leading clinical researchers to improve Queensland's health services through research.