# Call for nominations for the 3R prize

Do you know a PhD student at the Faculty of Health who planned the use of animal experiments in a research project and actively implemented one or more of the 3Rs? Then you can nominate her or him for the 2019 3R prize. This prize is instituted to create awareness on the importance of implementing the 3Rs in Excellence in Science. The 3Rs stand for:

* Replacement. Methods which avoid or replace the use of animals
* Refinement. Methods which minimize animal distress and improve welfare
* Reduction. Methods which minimize the number of animals used per experiment

Further elaboration on the 3R concept can be found at:

* <https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/the-3rs>
* <https://en.3rcenter.dk/>
* https://norecopa.no/alternatives/the-three-rs

## **Nomination guidelines**

The nominee should have implemented one or more of the 3Rs in a research project and it is important that there has been a valid replacement, refinement or reduction of already planned animal experiments. Research that does not specifically replace, refine or reduce planned animal experiments is not honored. It is of importance that the 3R implementations benefit the quality of the scientific outcome.

Heads of departments, relevant staff and PhD students can nominate a candidate. Please send a motivation including the perspectives of the student’s initiative to implement the 3Rs and how it has supported the quality of the scientific outcome.

Send the motivation to Jakob le Fèvre Harslund, jakob@biomed.au.dk, and write 3R NOMINATION in the subject field.

## **Deadline**

Nominations must be submitted **no later than 26th November 2021**.

## **Selection Process**

The recipient will be selected by [the Animal Welfare Committee](https://dyrefaciliteter.au.dk/en/animal-welfare-bodies-at-health/) and will be based on the implementation of the 3Rs.

All nominated projects that fulfil the 3R prize criteria and that have been submitted as abstracts for the PhD day can be tacked with the AU 3R logo.

## **Presentation of the 3R prize**

The award along with 10,000 DKK to the recipients annuum will be presented at the PhD Day Dinner Party, Friday the 21st of January 2022.