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Professor Terry Speed Prime Minister's Prize for Science

Terry Speed from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research has been honoured again. After being elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society in May this year, as reported for example in the *Gazette* 40(3), p. 172, he has now received the \$300 000 Prime Minister's Prize for Science, for a life's work using mathematics and statistics to address real world issues.



Prime Minister's Prizes for Science

The Prime Minister's Prizes for Science were presented by the Prime Minister assisted by the Hon Bob Baldwin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, at the Prize Dinner in the Great Hall of Parliament House on Wednesday 30 October.

For some years now, Terry has been well known for the application of statistics to problems in genetics and molecular biology. The increasingly vast amount of data in these areas has required new methods of analysis, leading to the birth of the field of BioInformatics, and contributing to a revolution in medical research.

His previous honours include

- 2012 Victoria Prize for Science and Innovation
- 2010 appointment as Emeritus Professor, University of California, Berkeley
- 2003 Australian Government Centenary Award Medal
- 2003 Moyal Medal, Macquarie University
- 2002 Pitman Medal, Statistical Society of Australia
- 2001 Fellow, Australian Academy of Science
- 1990 Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 1989 Fellow, American Statistical Association

For the full citation, see <http://www.scienceinpublic.com.au/prime-ministers-prize/2013-science#more-16229>.