

Press release

Innovation news for the **real world**



bluebox showcases real world research ideas



bluebox Discovery Competition award winners Dr Edeline Wentrup-Byrne (accepting on behalf of Dr Tim Dargaville), Dr Ben Goss, Cameron Lutton and Alfredo Nantes.

Innovative ideas in the orthopaedic surgery, wound healing and computer gaming fields were among the winners at the inaugural **bluebox** Discovery Competition for 2007.

Three groups of Queensland University of Technology researchers from the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation and the Faculty of Information Technology shared \$10,000 in prize money to help translate the benefits of their research to the real world.

Open to imaginative, unique and inventive research within QUT, the competition rewards ideas which have commercial applicability, and may ultimately provide benefits to the community, industry or government.

bluebox Chief Executive Officer Michael Finney said that the standard of the winning entrants was very high, particularly for a competition in its first year.

“The commercial potential of QUT research showcased during the competition shows impressive signs for things to come,” said Mr Finney.

“It is fantastic to see QUT researchers and students not only producing high quality research, but also beginning to consider the market potential of their work. **bluebox** looks forward to working with this year’s winners to take their ideas to the market place,” he said.

First place (\$5,000):

Dr Ben Goss, Cameron Lutton, and Dr Lance Wilson – Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation – for the development of a new orthopaedic surgery tool to cut bone cement.

Runners up (\$2,500):

Dr Tim Dargaville – Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation – for a new method of improving wound healing using pH indicators.

Alfredo Nantes – Faculty of Information Technology – for an artificial intelligence system for computer game testing.

Notable mentions:

Sam Wallace – Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering

Dr Madeleine Schultz, Dr Mark Wellard and Professor Judith Clements – Faculty of Science

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