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Press release

Innovation news for the **real world**



IHBI researchers bring QUT biotech expertise to the world



Three researchers from the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation have been selected to represent Queensland University of Technology at BIO2008, the largest annual biotechnology event in the world.

Dr Cameron Brown from the Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering, Dr Tony Parker from the Faculty of Health, and Dr Simone Rizzi from the Faculty of Science were picked from a pool of QUT talent as the successful recipients of the **bluebox** / IHBI Early Career Researcher BIO2008 fellowships, announced today.

The fellowships, sponsored by IHBI and **bluebox**, QUT's commercialisation and technology transfer company, are awarded to early-career researchers undertaking innovative research at QUT.

Fellowship winners receive registration, travel and accommodation costs to attend the annual BIO conference in San Diego, USA in June as part of the QUT delegation. Recipients will network with delegates and companies from around the world to showcase QUT's research and innovation strengths.

Michael Finney, Chief Executive Officer of **bluebox**, said that the successful fellowship winners came from a range of research areas at QUT, demonstrating the depth of expertise in biotechnology and life sciences research at the university.

"From orthopaedic surgery decision-making tools to injury prevention diagnostics to delivery systems for wound healing, the fellowships recognise QUT's focus on a diverse range of 'real-world' health and biomedical solutions."

IHBI and **bluebox** are active participants at the annual BIO conferences, which have the broad aim of "advancing biotechnology" and provide a mixture of networking, science and commerce. Previous fellowship winners have described BIO as "the best conference I've been to," noting "it opened my eyes to the business side of science and exposed me to different areas of science in biotechnology as well as commercialisation."

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