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bluebox commercialisation expert named biotech rising star



A commercialisation specialist from Queensland University of Technology's commercialisation company has been recognised as biotech's "next big thing" at the tenth annual Women in Technology awards.

Dr Paige Maguire, General Manager – Life Sciences with **bluebox**, received the QCTN Biotech Rising Star Award at a ceremony last Saturday (September 15).

Awarded to a member of the biotechnology industry with the potential to make significant contributions to the future of the sector, Dr Maguire won for her own research, in addition to her work cultivating biotech research from within the university sector, and managing the commercial development of technologies in the diagnostic, drug development, medical device and vaccine fields.

Previously nominated for the QLD Young Achiever of the Year (Science and Technology) and a Smart State Smart Women Award, Dr Maguire has experience in commercialisation of biotech catchments at the University of Queensland, the University of Wollongong and now at QUT.

Dr Maguire said her award highlighted the importance of commercialisation within the university context, particularly for the biotechnology sector.

"As many in the sector have noted, there is no shortage of exciting science research or keen biotech investors in Queensland. What the industry needs are experienced professionals who can provide the link between research and investors to take early biotechnology opportunities to the community.

"At **bluebox**, we aim to remedy this situation, and bring the benefits of QUT's research discoveries to the global market where they belong.

IHBI researcher Dr Wilhemina Huston, from the Faculty of Science, was also a finalist for the Women in Technology Rising Star award.

The Women in Technology awards recognise success and achievement in a range of fields, covering both the information technology and biotech industries.

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