

Mitchell Global Humanitarian Award

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Today we are proud to announce a new prize, the **Mitchell Global Humanitarian Award**. The Award will recognize Australians and others supported by Australian aid who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of international development. Its aim is to educate and inspire.

The Mitchell Global Humanitarian Award will be awarded once a year, and for the first time in early 2017.

The Award will be given annually to a contribution to the cause of international development which inspires others, which is of lasting and significant value, which has a link to Australia, and which has not yet been adequately recognized.

The successful awardee will be selected from a short list of [Aid Profiles](#), which the Development Policy Centre will select and author. The Aid Profiles will be published throughout the year on the Devpolicy Blog and other outlets, with the first one coming out in [The Canberra Times](#) and [online](#) this week.

A distinguished selection panel for the Award has been created. The panel will be chaired by Ms. **Stephanie Copus-Campbell**, experienced development practitioner, and currently Director with the Harold Mitchell Foundation and Executive Director with the Oil Search Foundation. The other two panel members are **Bob McMullan**, former Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, and **Jo Chandler**, award-winning journalist, author and editor.

The Award has been named in honour of leading businessman and philanthropist Harold Mitchell AC, to mark his long-term commitment to international development and promoting Australia's role in its region. As former Chair of CARE Australia, as a long-term supporter of Timor-Leste, as the founding funder of the ANU Development Policy Centre and as Chair of the Australia-Indonesia Centre, Mr Mitchell has led the way in Australia in terms of business support for international development and regional engagement. The Aid Profiles series is also supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Together, the Aid Profiles and the Mitchell Global Humanitarian Award are intended to educate and inspire the Australian community about the amazing international development work being done in all sorts of ways by all sorts of people with Australian support.

The Award will include a \$10,000 donation to the charity of the awardee's choice.

Nominations for both the Award and the Aid Profiles are invited, and can be sent to devpolicy@anu.edu.au.

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