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## **University of Melbourne Graduate Wins First National Medal for Tech Entrepreneurship**

Today SIRCA announced Hany Pham as the inaugural winner of the *SIRCA-Tech23 University Medal for Technology Entrepreneurship*. Hany is the Co-founder and CEO of Breezedocs (formerly [OneTouch](#)). This new national award is presented to the most outstanding new technology enterprise led by a current Australian University student or recent graduate.

Hany graduated from the University of Melbourne with a combined Law and Property and Construction degree in 2010 before establishing Breezedocs (formerly OneTouch) in 2011. Breezedocs provides automated document processing in the cloud services for the mortgage processing industry and has already attracted seed investment from Angel Investors and leverages Mr Pham's hands on experience having previously run a national award winning mortgage broking business.

"In the time-honoured tradition of University Medals, bestowed to students who demonstrate the most distinguished academic performance in a particular field or discipline, this new national award looks to recognize success in technology entrepreneurship by students and recent graduates." noted Dr Mike Briers, CEO, SIRCA.

"SIRCA is delighted to partner with Tech23 to present with this new accolade which we hope will encourage more Australian university students in future to consider technology entrepreneurship as a career option and also encourage Australian Universities to continue their support for this vital and growing endeavour. Many Australian universities are now running events, programs or hosting technology accelerators such as the University of Sydney Union's Incubate and that's great to see." said Dr Briers.

"Nine outstanding finalists from five Australian universities: University of Sydney; University of Melbourne; University of Technology, Sydney; University of New South Wales and University of Queensland were shortlisted for this award from the 23 listed for this year's Tech23" said Rachel Slattery, CEO of Slattery IT and Founder of Tech23.

"These finalists were ranked by SIRCA executives according to potential commercial impact of each of the enterprises and the likelihood of them delivering upon their potential" said Rachel Slattery.

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### **About the Tech23**

Now in its fifth year, Tech23 is now recognised by many in industry as Australia's leading technology innovation event.

Tech23 celebrates innovation through an exciting collision of great minds, great ideas, and great purpose. Tech23 is dedicated to offering entrepreneurs opportunities. Exposure is a given, but what Tech23 also offers is direct contact to the investors, successful entrepreneurs, thought leaders and key government and industry experts that result in tangible business opportunities. Tech23 unearths the innovations in Australia.

Twenty-three innovative young companies in the tech space are given five minutes to show off their business model to an audience of over 400 potential investors, partners and clients.

### **About SIRCA**

SIRCA is an Australian University-spinout enterprise at the intersection of Australia's Financial Services Industry, the University sector and the Tech Start-up community.

SIRCA is a provider of online services to support data-intensive research at universities, Government and financial market participants world-wide. Established in 1997, SIRCA has grown to employ over 80 direct staff and create over 500 jobs through spin-off enterprises it has created or cofounded.

SIRCA data is now cited in over 1500 scholarly papers worldwide by leading Australian economists, business and finance researchers as well as top scholars at the world's most preeminent institutions including Harvard University, Oxford, MIT, NYU, Stanford and Berkley.

SIRCA technology is also used extensively in the financial services industry worldwide by over 400 leading commercial banks, central banks and regulators. SIRCA technology underpins the world's leading algorithmic back-testing solution – Thomson Reuters Tick History. SIRCA technology, in partnership with Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), also powers the leading research database of historic financial markets data in Australia: AusEquities.