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Dr James Morton (AM) Recognised with Prestigious University of Queensland Alumni Award

AEIOU Foundation Chairman Dr James Morton (AM) has been recognised for his outstanding professional and community achievements in the University of Queensland's (UQ) 2015 Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Awards.

Dr Morton said he was delighted to be acknowledged by the University and humbled to be recognised alongside fellow alumni who have excelled across diverse fields.

"It is an honour to be bestowed this award," Dr Morton said. "Louise and I started AEIOU 10 years ago following our personal journey with our son Andrew. Our aim was that no child with autism would miss out on the most important learning opportunity."

"This journey continues to be challenging, inspirational and rewarding. "Awards such as recognise the dedication and commitment of the team of people who work to support the Foundation."

With nine centres in Queensland and South Australia, the AEIOU Foundation is one of Australia's largest providers of early intervention for children with autism. More than 200 children and their families attend the education and therapy program which meets the 2012 Australian Good Practice Guidelines. The organisation is also committed to research and chairs a Research Advisory Group, is a funding-partner of the first national Autism Cooperative Research Centre and funding partner of the Griffith University Autism Centre of Excellence.

As well as being a passionate advocate for children with autism, Dr Morton is an accredited haematology-oncology specialist, a Medical Director of Haematology-Oncology Clinics of Australasia and a senior specialist in leukaemia and bone marrow transplant services. His philanthropic interests include the Leukaemia Foundation of Queensland where he was instrumental in creating and initiating the World's Greatest Shave for a Cure.

Dr Morton was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2015 Australia Day Honours in recognition of his outstanding achievements. He will be presented with the University of Queensland's Vice Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award at annual Courting the Greats ceremony on Wednesday 21 October.

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