**Volunteer Group Awards**

The University actively encourages and promotes the culture of volunteering and we greatly appreciate the contribution volunteers make to the University. The Volunteer Group Awards are split into two categories that recognises the exceptional achievement by University Volunteer Groups who have demonstrated genuine involvement, long-term value and impact.

**CATEGORY ONE – STUDENT**

This category is open to Volunteer Groups whose main outcomes contribute to the student experience and academic learning and teaching For example; mentoring programs.

**CATEGORY TWO – COMMUNITY**

This category is open to Volunteer Groups whose outcomes contribute to the University community and/or the wider community For example; outreach programs.

**Criteria**

Criteria for each nomination:

* Describe the volunteer group’s exceptional volunteer achievement.
* Outline the impact the volunteer group has had and the benefits they have provided over a period of 2 years or greater.
* Describe any obstacles overcome by the volunteer group as part of their achievement.
* Highlight the level of commitment, dedication and professionalism demonstrated by the volunteer group.

**Eligibility**

The Volunteer Group Awards are open to registered volunteer groups of the University Volunteer Program for minimum of 2 years. Criteria must be addressed by the Supervisor and/or Volunteer Coordinator and endorsed by their management **by COB 25 October**. *Previous winners are not eligible to apply for a period of 2 years.*

**Selection**

Nominations will be assessed by a selection panel chaired by the University Volunteer Program Coordinator and successful nominees will be announced at a special **Volunteer Award Ceremony** to be held on **Thursday 5 December (time to be confirmed).**

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| **NOMINEES DETAILS** | |
| Category | Student ☐ Community ☐ |
| Volunteer Coordinator |  |
| Position Title |  |
| Volunteer Group |  |
| **Describe and explain the volunteer group’s exceptional achievement. Up to 200 words.** *For example: the volunteer group has fulfulled a huge need in the student experience, teaching and learning, university and wider community by ….* | |
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| **What difference and impact did your volunteers make to your volunteer program? Up to 200 words.** *For example: the volunteers have been instrumental to our program because…, they contributed in imporving the program by …* | |
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| **What longer term benefits has this volunteer group brought to the University and wider community? Up to 200 words** *For example: the volunteer group has raised awareness through their volunteering, increased sustainability.* | |
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| **Explain why this volunteer gorup deserves this recognition? Up to 200 words** *For example: talk about the volunteers skills and abilities , attributes, level of commitment, dedication and impact to your program, or other personal qualities.* | |
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| **What did this volunteer group overcome in making this exceptional volunteer achievement? Up to 200 words** *For example: lack of resources, difficulties, changing environment* | |
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| **AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE**  I declare that the information provided in this nomination is true and accurate and I understand that the judges will seek verification, clarification and further information as required.  Name:  Position: Signature:  Endorsed by (Manger of work area):  Name:  Position: Signature: | |