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Alumni Relations

The Distinguished Alumni Awards Rules

Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the Distinguished Alumni Awards is to recognise the outstanding contribution and significant life impact made by our alumni, in any of the following three categories:

Selection Criteria

- **Humanitarian** – life changing in nature, above and beyond the expectations of one's professional or community commitments, undertaken in an altruistic or philanthropic manner;
- **Professional Excellence** – outstanding achievement within one's profession that has been recognised by peers within that profession;
- **Outstanding Community Service** – recognises outstanding voluntary service in the further development and enrichment of communities either within or external to the University.

Who Can Be Nominated?

The Distinguished Alumni Awards are open to any living person who meets the University of Adelaide definition of Alumni¹

Current Alumni Council members are not eligible to be nominated for this award during their term.

Posthumous nominations will not be considered.

Who can make Nominations?

All graduates, former and current staff, as well as the wider community may nominate any eligible alumnus for a Distinguished Alumni Award.

^{1 3} As per the *Rules of the University – Alumni Council* approved by the University Council on 29 July 2013, the definition of Alumni is:

(a) all graduates of the University;

(b) all former students of the University who have completed at least one year of study at the University, or, in the case of study abroad, students who have completed at least one semester of study; and

(c) all former academic or professional staff members of the University who completed at least 3 years' service at the University.

What do I need to include in the nomination?

Distinguished Alumni Award nomination (online nomination available):

- A Statement of Support highlighting the outstanding contribution of the alumnus (maximum 500 words)
- Details of two referees who will be contacted by Alumni Relations for endorsement. The endorsers do not have to be alumni of the University of Adelaide.

Selection Process

- Alumni Relations will call for nominations in the beginning of each year via the alumni web page and any university and non-university publications deemed appropriate by Alumni Relations.
- Nominations are to be received by Alumni Relations by September 1st of the same year.
- Nominations must be kept confidential between the nominator and the University of Adelaide. No approach should be made to any nominee until the selection process has been completed and only the successful nominees will be contacted. Applications in breach of these guidelines will not be considered.

How are Nominations assessed?

- Nominations will be considered by the Alumni Council, which will forward recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor and President for approval. The Vice-Chancellor and President will advise the names of the recipients to the next meeting of the University Council.
- An award may or may not be made in each category in each year.

Outcome

- Only the successful nominee will be notified of their selection and invited to accept this award.
- All nominators are advised by letter of the outcome.

Presentation of the Awards

The Award will be presented by the University at the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards or, if the recipient is unable to attend the ceremony, at an appropriate occasion in consultation with the recipient.