



Distinguished Alumni Awards Rules

The Distinguished Alumni Awards are an opportunity to honour the highest accomplishments and achievements of University of Adelaide alumni.

On an annual basis, alumni, staff, students, and members of the wider community will be invited to nominate candidates who demonstrate outstanding achievements that have earned local, national, or international recognition.

1. Award categories

Distinguished Alumni Award

Recognises the outstanding and sustained contributions made by University alumni in their local communities and beyond.

Tirkapena Indigenous Award

Recognises an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander alumna or alumnus whose significant achievements have impacted their profession and/or community.

James McWha Rising Star Award

Recognises young alumni (35 years or younger at the nomination deadline) who are making a significant contribution as emerging leaders within their profession and/or within their community.

2. Procedure for Nominations

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be held annually.

The Division of External Engagement will manage the call for nominations process, including receiving all nominations, arranging meetings of the Selection Committee to consider nominations, and provide recommendations from the Selection Committee to the Vice-Chancellor.

3. Nomination conditions

- Nominations for Distinguished Alumni Awards may be submitted by alumni, former and current staff, as well as the wider community.
- An individual can be nominated in multiple award categories, with a separate nomination form required for each submission.
- An individual cannot win more than one award category in any calendar year and cannot win the same award category more than once.
- The University reserves the right to disclose the identity of the nominator to the nominee.

4. Eligibility Requirements

Nominees must comply with the following eligibility criteria:

- A person who has been conferred a University of Adelaide degree;
- James McWha Rising Star nominees must be aged 35 years or younger as of the nomination deadline.

Current University of Adelaide staff, who are alumni, are eligible to be nominated.

Nominations will be deemed ineligible if:

- It is a Self-nomination;
- The nominee is a current Alumni Council member.

5. Selection process

The Distinguished Alumni Awards Selection Committee, comprised in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, will review all nominations and make recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards Selection Committee may recommend that there be no award in one or more of the categories each year.

6. Selection criteria

The following selection criteria will be applied when considering Award recipients:

- Demonstrates sustained and significant contributions in one or more of the following areas: Humanitarian, Professional Excellence and/or Outstanding Community Service;
- Professional or volunteer work, demonstrates a significant positive impact that has been recognised by peers –locally, nationally and/or internationally;
- Through prominence in their field/profession, brings great distinction to the University of Adelaide; and
- Demonstrates leadership qualities in a variety of contexts that could include volunteering, or community and professional work.

7. Rescinding a Distinguished Alumni Award

A Distinguished Alumni Award bestowed on an alumnus at any time over the life of the Awards and in any of the award categories may be rescinded by resolution of the Council.

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