



# 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.

## Award categories

### **Distinguished Alumni Award**

Recognises the outstanding and sustained contributions made by university alumni in their Australian communities.

### **Distinguished International Alumni Award**

Recognises the outstanding and sustained contributions made by university alum in international communities.

### **Outstanding Alumni Contribution to Sport Award**

Recognises the outstanding and sustained contributions made by university alum in sporting communities.

### **Tirkapena Indigenous Award**

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

### **James McWha Rising Star Award**

Recognises a young alum (35 years or younger at the nomination deadline) who is making a significant contribution as an emerging leader within their profession and/or community.

## 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 providing recommendations from the Selection Committee to the Vice-Chancellor.

## 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.

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- 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.
  - 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.
  - The nominator's and/or selected nominee's name, image and statement may be published and/or used in any form of media, in any context pertaining to the awards.

## Eligibility Requirements

Nominees must comply with the following eligibility criteria:

- Any living person who meets the University of Adelaide definition of alumni\*.
- James McWha Rising Star nominees must be aged 35 years or younger as of the nomination deadline.
- Distinguished International Alumni nominees must be making a sustained contribution in an international community outside of Australia.
- Outstanding Alumni Contribution to Sport nominees must be making a sustained contribution, either on or off the field, in a sporting community.
- Tirkapena Indigenous nominees must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander alum whose significant achievements have impacted their profession and/or community.
- 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.

## Selection process

The Distinguished Alumni Awards Selection Committee 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.

## 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.

\*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.

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## **Rescinding a Distinguished Alumni Award**

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

## **Outcome**

Only the successful nominee will be notified of their selection and invited to accept this award.

## **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, alternative arrangements will be made in consultation with the recipient.