CQUniversity Alumni Awards

Entry guidelines
CQUNIVERSITY ALUMNI AWARDS GUIDELINES

To recognise, acknowledge and celebrate our prominent domestic and international alumni and their outstanding successes and achievements.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

- **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD**
  This award recognises a graduate of CQUniversity who has made an exceptional contribution to society and demonstrated the achievement of excellence in a professional context.
  
  SELECTION CRITERIA
  • Evidence of outstanding contributions to society through volunteerism or activism.
  • Evidence of outstanding contribution to a profession or industry including visionary leadership, and a commitment to innovation and best practice at a local, national or international level.

- **INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION AWARD**
  This award recognises a graduate of CQUniversity who has achieved to a high standard, or made an exceptional contribution in their industry or profession.
  
  SELECTION CRITERIA
  • Evidence of outstanding contributions to a workplace, profession or industry. IE participation in peer/advisory groups, undertaking entrepreneurial challenges, and/or driving new opportunities for their workplace or industry.

- **VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION AWARD**
  This award recognises a graduate of CQUniversity who has made an exceptional voluntary contribution to CQUniversity or their local community.
  
  SELECTION CRITERIA
  • Evidence of outstanding contribution and/or exceptional service to their community or CQUniversity, over and above their role in their chosen field of employment.

- **YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD**
  This award recognises a graduate of CQUniversity aged 35 or younger as at 31 December in the current year, who has demonstrated significant achievement early in their career or exceptional contributions to a chosen field of endeavour that is likely to be an inspiration to the next generation of graduates and the community.
  
  SELECTION CRITERIA
  • Evidence of significant early career achievement, AND / OR
  • Evidence of dedication to a cause, commitment to community, or contribution to a field of endeavour

Nomination guidelines and procedures:

1. Eligible nominees are all graduates of any undergraduate or postgraduate award course, from CQUniversity or its predecessor institutions.
2. Nominations can be made by CQUniversity alumni, students or staff, as well as family, friends, employees, employers or colleagues of CQUniversity alumni.
3. Alumni may only be nominated in one category in any one calendar year.
   • An entry will comprise of the nomination form, a one page response to the selection criteria, evidence in support of the nomination, and two written references. A photo of the nominee is not compulsory. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
   • Nominations must be received by 5 pm (AEST) on the published closing date.
4. There will be one award per category.
5. Nominees eligible for “Young Alumni Achiever Awards” ie aged 35 years or younger, are NOT eligible to nominate for Distinguished Alumnus award.
6. Awardees will be chosen by a panel of University and alumni representatives. The decision of the panel is final.
7. All nominees will be promoted in a range of CQUniversity and general media channels, including but not limited to UniNews and the Mortar Board Alumni e-News.
8. All winners, and their nominator, will be notified of the outcome of the selection panel’s deliberations. The results of the awards will be published in a range of CQUniversity and general media channels. Only CQUniversity representatives can officially announce the results of the award nomination process.
9. Presentation of awards will occur at a domestic or international University graduation ceremony or other suitable event.

Note: The award will not be made on the basis of position, job title or the number of nominations received for any individual.