



UTS Advancement

UTS Alumni Awards 2021

Nominations Guide

**Celebrating our most
inspiring alumni**

Nominations open **9am AEDT Tuesday 9 February**
and close **midnight AEDT Monday 22 March 2021**

Go to alumni.uts.edu.au/nominate



Celebrating our game-changing alumni

The University of Technology Sydney's alumni community is filled with passionate, creative and innovative leaders who are making a difference in the world and inspiring those around them.

Each year, the UTS Alumni Awards highlight the extraordinary ways in which UTS graduates are contributing to their profession and society as a whole.

We seek nominations for alumni who have:

- achieved success in professional, academic or research areas,
- demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation and creativity; and
- are making a difference through their contributions to the community.

The awards will be presented at a special gala dinner and ceremony on Thursday 23 September 2021.

Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding the awards, please email alumniawards@uts.edu.au or call +61 2 9514 9863.

Key Dates

Tuesday 9 February
Nominations open

Monday 22 March
Nominations close

Thursday 23 September
Alumni Awards gala dinner and ceremony

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Award Categories

Faculty Awards

These recognise outstanding achievement by graduates from the following seven UTS faculties:

- Arts and Social Sciences
- Business
- Design, Architecture and Building
- Engineering and Information Technology
- Law
- Health
- Science

Special Awards

Alumni Community Award

This award recognises the significant involvement of UTS alumni in projects that enrich the community at a local, national or international level. This contribution could be in a professional, charitable, cultural or sporting capacity.

Indigenous Australian Alumni Award

This award recognises outstanding achievement by a UTS graduate who is an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander. The category celebrates exceptional professional achievement and/or significant contribution to Indigenous communities and/or Australian society more broadly.

International Alumni Award (sponsored by UTS College)

This award recognises outstanding achievement by a graduate enrolled as an international student while attending UTS. Candidates may currently reside in Australia or overseas.

Young Alumni Award

This award recognises outstanding achievement by a graduate aged 35 years or younger (at close of nominations).

Chancellor's Award for Excellence

This award is presented by the UTS Chancellor to one of the award recipients. The award recognises a graduate with a sustained record of outstanding achievement who is seen as a leader in their field or community.

The recipient of this award is welcomed to the UTS Luminaries. UTS Luminaries have achieved recognition in national or international circles. Members of this group include actor Hugh Jackman, author Anna Funder, and human rights activist Dr Sekai Holland.

Eligibility and Selection

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- Nominees must be graduates of UTS or one of our six antecedent institutions.
 - » Acupuncture Colleges Australia
 - » Balmain Teachers' College
 - » Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education
 - » New South Wales Institute of Technology
 - » Sydney College of Advanced Education
 - » The School of Design, Sydney College of the Arts
- Nominees do not have to be working in the discipline from which they graduated.
- A graduate can be nominated for more than one award.
- Self-nominations are not accepted.
- Previously nominated alumni who were unsuccessful can be renominated.
- Honorary Award recipients are not eligible and must have had a student experience on campus
- Nominees for the Young Alumni Award must be aged 35 years or younger at the close of nominations on Monday 22 March 2021.
- Nominees for the International Alumni Award must have been enrolled as international students while attending UTS. They may currently reside in Australia or overseas.
- Previous award winners are eligible for renomination after a five year period.

Selection process and determination of awards

Nominees for each category will be considered by the individuals listed below, who will then shortlist three candidates to present to the Selection Panel for final consideration.

- Faculty Awards: the Dean of the respective faculty considers nominees for each faculty award.
- Community Alumni Award: a UTS representative considers nominees for this award.
- Indigenous Australian Alumni Award: a representative from Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research considers nominees for this award.
- International Alumni Award: a representative from UTS College considers nominees for this award.
- Young Alumni Award: The UTS Young Alumni Committee considers nominees for this award.

All nominations must be submitted by midnight AEDT Monday 22 March 2021.

Selection Panel

The Alumni Awards selection panel comprises eight UTS representatives. They will look for individuals who have:

- achieved success in professional, academic or research areas (please provide evidence of outstanding achievement in the nominees' chosen field)
- demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation and creativity (please provide evidence of impact)
- contributed to the community through their work and life (please provide evidence to show involvement in civic, cultural, sporting, charitable or volunteer activities)

The panel reserves the right to reallocate nominations between categories, in consideration of eligibility and other criteria. All decisions are final and conclusive.

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence recipient is personally selected by the UTS Chancellor.

Note: UTS reserves the right to use award recipients' names and images in a range of media and/or UTS publications.

Submitting a nomination

All nominations must be completed and submitted online via alumni.uts.edu.au/nominate by midnight AEDT Monday 22 March 2021.

- Nominations should be prepared with attention to detail, ensuring that all relevant information is included.
- Nominators will need to provide responses to the following questions, observing the word limit indicated:
 1. Please describe why you think the nominee should be considered for this award (250 words).
 2. Please describe the nominee's achievements and impact related to their industry, profession or community (500 words)
 3. If the nominee would be suitable for additional categories (i.e. other faculties or one of the special awards– Community, Young, Indigenous Australian or International), please explain why (250 words)
- When completing the form, nominators should also include specific examples as to why the nominee is exceptional.
- When outlining the involvement of a nominee in a particular project, nominators should describe the impact of the nominee and how they have demonstrated leadership and excellence.

Past Award Recipients



Emma Watkins

- Master of Media Arts Production 2012
- Performer, filmmaker and charity ambassador, 'The Wiggles'
- *UTS Young Alumni Award 2020*



Professor Darren Martin

- PhD Science 1996; Bachelor of Applied Science in Materials Science 1993
- Professor, University of Queensland, Founder and Chief Scientific Officer, TenasiTech Pty Ltd
- *UTS Chancellor's Award for Excellence 2020*
- *UTS Alumni Award for Excellence 2020 – Faculty of Science*



Philippa McDermott

- Bachelor of Arts in Communication 1998
- Head of Indigenous Employment and Diversity, Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- *UTS Indigenous Australian Alumni Award 2020*



Nicholas Stewart

- Bachelor of Laws (2009)
- Partner, Dowson Turco Lawyers
- *UTS Community Alumni Award 2018*

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Meet more of our past recipients:
uts.edu.au/alumni-awards/winners



Pandora Shelley

- Bachelor of Business (Management Consulting and Marketing), 2014
- VP Operations, Qwick
- *UTS Alumni Award for Excellence 2019 – Faculty of Business*



Caro Meldrum-Hanna

- Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Journalism) & Bachelor of Laws (2007)
- Journalist, ABC TV's Four Corners
- *UTS Alumni Award for Excellence 2017 – Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences*



Martin Hill

- Graduate Diploma in Land Economics (1988); Master of Property Development (2006)
- Founder and Director, Hill PDA
- *UTS Chancellor's Award for Excellence 2018*
- *UTS Alumni Award for Excellence 2018 – Faculty of Design, Architecture & Building*



Russell Taylor AM

- Master of Business Administration (1993)
- Former CEO, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- *UTS Indigenous Australian Alumni Award 2016*

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