



Alumni Awards 2025

Celebrating our most
inspiring alumni

Nominations open

3 March 2025 to 2 May 2025

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Celebrating our game-changing alumni



The UTS 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.

There are four key judging criteria for all award categories:

- Evidence of outstanding achievement in the nominee's chosen field or profession
- Demonstrated impact of nominee's work or contributions
- Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity attributes
- Outstanding contributions to the community (civic, cultural, sporting, charitable, volunteering).

Award categories

Faculty awards

In addition to the four key judging criteria, nominees for awards in the seven UTS faculties must demonstrate focus on critical needs in the profession, and/or professional achievement more broadly at a local, national or international level.

Our faculty awards are:

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

Special awards

In addition to the four key judging criteria, nominees in the below categories must demonstrate focus on critical needs or representation in their community, impact in their field of endeavour, and/or societal achievement more broadly at a local, national or international level.

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

The Award is personally selected by the Chancellor from the faculty or special awards recipients, in honour of their sustained record of outstanding achievement and leadership in their field or community.

Eligibility and the selection process

Eligibility criteria

- Nominees must be graduates of UTS or one of 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.
- Self-nominations are not accepted.
- Previously nominated alumni who were unsuccessful can be nominated again.
- Honorary award recipients are not eligible. Nominees must have been enrolled as a student at UTS or one of the antecedent institutions listed above.
- Nominees for the Young Alumni Award must be aged 35 years or younger at the close of nominations.
- Nominees for the International Alumni Award must have been enrolled as an international student while attending UTS. They may currently reside in Australia or overseas.
- Previous award winners are eligible for nomination after a five-year period.

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.
- Community Alumni Award: a UTS representative.
- Indigenous Australian Alumni Award: a representative from the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research.
- International Alumni Award: a representative from UTS College.
- Young Alumni Award: the UTS Young Alumni Committee.
- Chancellor's Award for Excellence: personally selected by the UTS Chancellor.

Selection panel

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

- Achieved success in professional, academic or research areas (evidence of outstanding achievement in the nominee's 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.

Submitting a nomination

In your nomination form, you'll respond to the following questions:

1. Why should the nominee be considered for this award? (250-word limit)
2. What are the nominee's achievements and impact related to their industry, profession or community? (500-word limit)

Accessing the online nominations portal

Create a secure account, via the link below, to prepare your nomination:

utsalumniawards.awardsplatform.com

Once the nominations portal is open, you'll be able to submit your entries. You can nominate alumni in multiple categories, as long as the nomination meets the criteria.

Please ensure all personal details are accurate, including your contact details.

The entry deadline is final, and there will be no extensions provided. You may edit your entry after submission, up until the **deadline on 2 May 2025 11:59pm (AEDT)**.



Past award recipients



Peter O'Brien
Chancellor's Award for
Excellence and Faculty Award
of Excellence: Law



Jessica Washington
Young Alumni Award



David Hobson
Faculty Award of Excellence:
Arts and Social Sciences



Shaun Christie-David
Faculty Award of Excellence:
Business



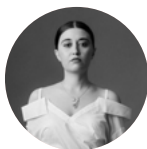
Uncle Ken Canning
Indigenous Australian
Alumni Award



Pham Thi Bich Ngoc
International Alumni Award



Kate Cole OAM
Faculty Award of Excellence:
Science



Noora Niasari
Faculty Award of Excellence:
Design, Architecture and
Building

IFF Content Studio, John Janson Moore
Photographer: Norman Wong.



**Adjunct Associate Professor
Patricia Bradd**
Faculty Award of Excellence:
Health



Warren Sharpe OAM
Faculty Award of Excellence:
Engineering and Information
Technology



Dr Michael Camit
Community Alumni Award

Photography: Jacquie Manning



Contact us

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