UTS Alumni Awards 2019
Nominations Guide

**Celebrating UTS alumni
who are changing the world**

Nominations open **9am Wednesday 6 February**
and close **midnight Friday 22 March 2019**

Go to **alumni.uts.edu.au/nominate**

Purpose of Awards

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

Each year, UTS formally recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements of our alumni community, including graduates from our six antecedent institutions.

The UTS Alumni Awards highlight the breadth and depth of UTS's alumni community and the extraordinary ways in which UTS graduates are contributing to their profession and society as a whole.

Nominations for the 2019 UTS Alumni Awards open **9am Wednesday 6 February** and close **midnight Friday 22 March 2019**.

We seek nominations for alumni who have:

- Achieved success in professional, academic or research areas,
- Demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation and creativity, and
- Contributed to the community through their work.

To nominate an outstanding UTS graduate go to **alumni.uts.edu.au/nominate**

The Awards will be presented at a special gala dinner on **Thursday 19 September 2019.**

Key Dates

Wednesday 6 February
Nominations open

Friday 22 March
Nominations close

Thursday 19 September
Alumni Awards gala dinner and ceremony

Contact Us

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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
- Health
- Law
- Science

Nominations should articulate the success and impact nominees have had in their chosen field. Alumni do not have to be working in the discipline from which they graduated.

Special Awards

Community Alumni 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 Alumni Award

This award celebrates the exceptional professional achievement and/or significant contribution to Indigenous people and/or Australian society more broadly, by a UTS alumnus who is an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander.

International Alumni Award
sponsored by UTS Insearch

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

Young Alumni Award

This award recognises outstanding achievement by an alumnus aged 35 years and younger (at close of nominations), and celebrates the accomplishments of emerging UTS alumni.

Chancellor's Award for Excellence

This award is presented by the UTS Chancellor to one of the faculty or special category award recipients. The award recognises a graduate with a sustained record of outstanding achievement who is seen as a leader of their field. The recipient of this award is welcomed to the **UTS Luminaries**, a group who have a reputation that is widespread and acknowledged – their achievements have earned them national or international prominence. Members of this group include actor Hugh Jackman, author Anna Funder, and human rights activist Dr Sekai Holland.

See more: **alumni.uts.edu.au/uts-luminaries**

Eligibility and Selection

All nominations must be submitted online via the official UTS Alumni Awards portal by **midnight on Friday 22 March 2019**.

Go to **alumni.uts.edu.au/nominate** and follow the prompts to the nominations portal.

Eligibility

Award recipients 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

A graduate can be nominated for more than one award.

Self-nominations are not accepted.

UTS Luminaries and past UTS Alumni Award recipients are not eligible.

Previously nominated alumni who were unsuccessful can be re-nominated.

Selection Process

- For **Faculty Awards**, the Dean of that Faculty will shortlist five nominees to present to the Selection Panel for consideration.

- Representatives from UTS International and UTS Insearch along with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Leadership and Engagement) will shortlist five nominees for the **International Alumni** and **Indigenous Australian Alumni** award categories to present to the Selection Panel for consideration.

- The Selection Panel will review and select nominees for the **Community Alumni** and **Young Alumni** award categories.

- The **Chancellor's Award for Excellence** recipient will be personally selected by the UTS Chancellor.

Selection Panel

The Selection Panel will look for individuals who have:

- Achieved success in professional, academic or research areas (provide evidence of outstanding achievement)

- Demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation and creativity (supply evidence of impact)

- Contributed to the community through their work and life (provide evidence to show involvement in civic, cultural, sporting, charitable or volunteer activities)

The panel reserves the right to reallocate nominations between categories.

Nomination Process

Steps to nominate

- Nominations should be prepared with attention to detail, ensuring that all relevant information is included.

- The nomination form will require responses to the following four questions:

  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)

  4. Please provide any final additional comments to support this nomination (250 words)

- When answering these questions, nominators should include information and 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 make sure to include as many relevant details as possible to demonstrate excellence.

All nominations will need to:

- Be completed and submitted online via the official nomination website. Go to alumni.uts.edu.au/nominate and follow the prompts to the nominations portal.

- Be submitted by **midnight Friday 22 March 2019**.

If a nominee is **shortlisted**, the nominator must seek permission from the alumnus and request a current CV no longer than five pages.

Please note:

- An alumnus can be nominated for more than one award.

- UTS reserves the right to use award recipients' names and images in the media and UTS publications in the context of the UTS Alumni Awards.

- The Selection Panel reserves the right to reallocate nominations between categories.

- The decisions of the Selection Panel and Chancellor are final and conclusive, and there will be no correspondence regarding the decisions.

- A nomination will be valid for two years following submission.

- Previous award winners are eligible for renomination after a five year period.

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Past Award Recipients

Josephine Cashman

Bachelor of Arts in Communications (Journalism) & Bachelor of Laws (2006), Graduate Certificate in Legal Practice (2006), UTS Business School PhD candidate

Chair, Big River Impact Foundation and Managing Director, Big River Consulting

UTS Alumni Award for Excellence 2018 – Faculty of Law

Hoang Dao

Bachelor of Engineering (2006)

Founder and CEO, Early Start and Creator, *Monkey Junior*

UTS International Alumni Award 2018

Rob Castaneda

Bachelor of Science in Computing Science (2001)

Founder and CEO, Service Rocket

UTS Chancellor's Award for Excellence 2017

UTS Alumni Award for Excellence 2017 – Faculty of Engineering & IT

Jake Duczynski

Bachelor of Design in Animation (Hons) (2016)

Designer, Animator and Director

UTS Young Alumni Award 2017

Past Award Recipients continued

Rachel Grimes
Bachelor of Business
in Accounting (1991)

CFO Technology, Westpac Group
and President of the International
Federation of Accountants

*UTS Alumni Award for Excellence
2017 – 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 and
Founder, EstateMaster

*UTS Chancellor's Award
for Excellence 2018*

*UTS Alumni Award for Excellence
2018 – Faculty of Design,
Architecture & Building*

Russell Taylor AM
MBA (1993)

Former CEO, Australian Institute
of Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Studies

*UTS Indigenous Australian Alumni
Award 2016*

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