

WESTERN SYDNEY
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Alumni Awards:
Excellence Unlimited
2018

TOWN & GOWN EVENT DETAILS

Date Saturday
20 October 2018

Time 6:00pm – 10:30pm

Venue Grand Pavilion,
Rosehill Gardens

Dress Black tie

Western Sydney University's premiere event is back.

Town and Gown Gala Dinner 2018 will be an evening of celebration and distinction.

With a focus on health and medical research, Town and Gown will support world-class research, excellence in teaching and our Western students.

Exclusive sponsorship benefits include pre-dinner VIP reception, VIP seating, corporate branding and promotion.

A highlight of the evening will be presenting the 2018 Alumni Awards, which showcase the achievements of outstanding Western graduates.

Hosted by Ray Martin and promising a program of stunning entertainment and special guests, this is an evening not to be missed.

Please note the Hawkesbury Alumni and the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Impact categories will be awarded at separate prestigious University Alumni events.

ALUMNI AWARDS

EXCELLENCE UNLIMITED

The Alumni Awards program acknowledges and celebrates the outstanding achievements of our graduates.

We recognise that our alumni are a vital part of our story as an institution. As Western Sydney University looks to the future, we aim to continue to build upon a dynamic and innovative culture that secures success. Alumni are an important part of the next stage of our development as a vibrant university with regional, national and international impact.

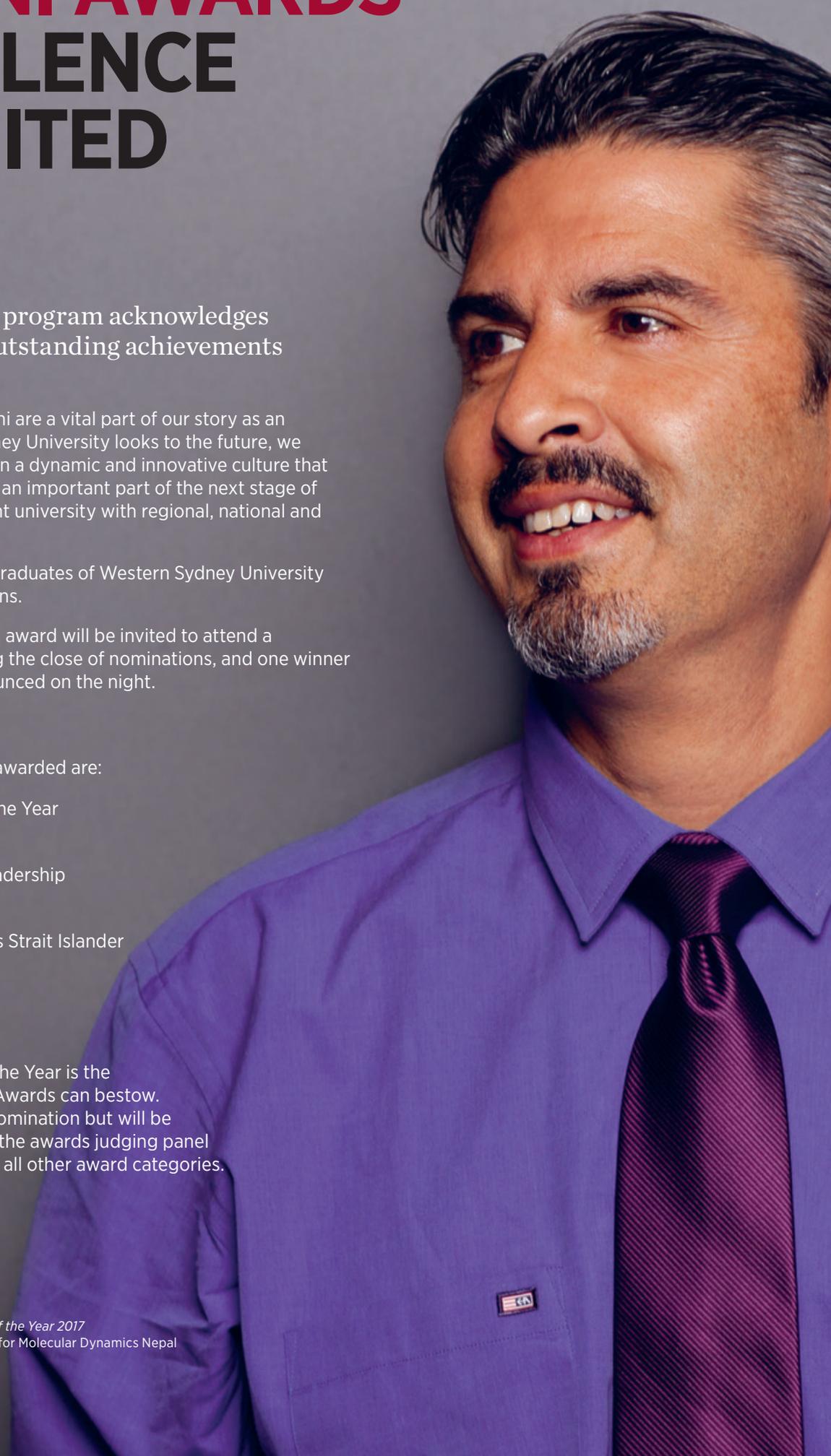
The awards are open to all graduates of Western Sydney University and its antecedent institutions.

Up to three finalists for each award will be invited to attend a presentation event following the close of nominations, and one winner for each award will be announced on the night.

The seven categories to be awarded are:

- Chancellor's Alumni of the Year
- Professional Excellence
- International Alumni Leadership
- Hawkesbury Alumni
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Impact
- Young Alumni
- Community Champion

The Chancellor's Alumni of the Year is the highest honour the Alumni Awards can bestow. This award is not open for nomination but will be decided at the discretion of the awards judging panel considering nominations for all other award categories.



Chancellor's Alumni of the Year

This award recognises the significant contributions made by alumni in their local communities and beyond. This is the highest honour the Alumni Awards can bestow. The award is not open for application but will be decided at the discretion of the awards judging panel when considering nominations for all other award categories.

CRITERIA

Candidates chosen for this award will meet the following criteria:

- The nominee is a graduate of Western Sydney University or its antecedent institutions
- The nominee has made a sustained and significant contribution in one or more of the following areas: professional achievement, art and cultural achievement or leadership, sporting achievement, research and/or community leadership
- The nominee has made a significant contribution to enrich and benefit society's development, prosperity and social capital through their community, above and beyond their role in their chosen field of employment
- The nominee brings credit to Western Sydney University through prominence in their field/ profession nationally or internationally
- The nominee has achieved sustained success over their career that is noteworthy and exceptional
- The nominee demonstrates leadership qualities in a variety of contexts that could include volunteering, community, research or professional work

Professional Excellence

This award is designed to recognise outstanding leaders within their industry, profession or field of research who have achieved sustained success throughout their career that is noteworthy and exceptional.

CRITERIA

Nominations must meet all of the following selection criteria:

- The nominee is a graduate of Western Sydney University or its antecedent institutions
- The nominee has contributed significantly to the growth, reach or impact of their industry, profession, or field of research
- The nominee works to promote and facilitate innovation, demonstrates dedication to industry, and the tenacity to persevere through challenges
- The nominee has made a significant positive impact to the social, economic, political and environmental challenges facing communities – locally, nationally and/or internationally

Nominations must meet one or more of the following selection criteria:

- The nominee has demonstrated outstanding personal achievement to affect a major turnaround or improvement in the performance of their organisation or the contribution of their profession, and/or
- The nominee has made outstanding achievements in the field of arts, contributing to the understanding and significance of culture in Western Sydney and beyond, and/or
- The nominee demonstrates excellence in research, contributing to new and influential knowledge with outcomes of great benefit, advancement and impact.

International Alumni Leadership

Recognises and honours international alumni who have excelled in their chosen field and whose accomplishments enhance the prestige of Western Sydney University.

CRITERIA

Nominations must meet all of the following selection criteria:

- The nominee is a graduate of Western Sydney University, its antecedent institutions, or an approved offshore partner institution
- The nominee is living and working in a country other than Australia and is making a significant contribution to international society through community service and/or professional achievements
- The nominee's accomplishments raise their profile and standing within an international community and/or bring greater recognition to their profession
- The nominee demonstrates leadership qualities in a variety of contexts that could include volunteering, community or professional work
- The nominee demonstrates the ability to influence decisions within a variety of contexts, for example, within government, industry or through advocacy efforts

Hawkesbury Alumni

Recognises Hawkesbury alumni who have excelled in their professional career, community life, international affairs or business.

CRITERIA

Nominations must meet all of the following selection criteria:

- The nominee is a graduate of Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Hawkesbury College of Advanced Education, or from one of the academic units of the Hawkesbury campus of Western Sydney University
- The nominee's work, whether professional or voluntary, demonstrates a significant positive impact on their profession and/or community – locally, nationally and/or internationally

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Impact

Recognises alumni whose outstanding contribution has demonstrated engagement and impact working with Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities within Greater Western Sydney and/or beyond.

Only nominees who have established Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status will be considered for this award.

CRITERIA

Nominations must meet all of the following selection criteria:

- The Nominee is a graduate of Western Sydney University or its antecedent institutions.
- The nominee has made an outstanding contribution to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities in Greater Western Sydney and/beyond, and through their professional or voluntary work has demonstrated how their contribution has benefited Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples and in turn their communities.
- Proof of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Status must be supplied by the nominee at the time of nomination submission.
- In order to establish Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status, individuals shall provide documentary evidence in accordance with the Western Sydney University Recruitment and Selection Policy.

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Young Alumni

Recognises young alumni whose early accomplishments inspire and provide leadership to students and fellow graduates.

CRITERIA

Nominations must meet all of the following selection criteria:

- The nominee is a graduate of Western Sydney University or its antecedent institutions
- The nominee is 35 years of age or younger at the time of award nomination closing date
- The nominee's accomplishments raise their profile and standing within their community and/or bring greater recognition to their profession
- The nominee demonstrates leadership qualities in a variety of contexts that could include volunteering, community or professional work
- The nominee's work and/or contribution in their community is likely to be an inspiration to the next generation of graduates and the community at large

Community Champion

Recognises the personal contributions that alumni have made to the enrichment and benefit of society through their community service.

CRITERIA

Nominations must meet all of the following selection criteria:

- The nominee is a graduate of Western Sydney University or its antecedent institutions
- The nominee has made a significant contribution to enrich and benefit society's development, prosperity and social capital through their community, above and beyond their role in their chosen field of employment

Nominations and Selection Process

ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATIONS

- Each award will be open to all graduates of Western Sydney University and its antecedent institutions across all disciplines and courses, with the exception of the Hawkesbury Alumni Award, which is open only to graduates of Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Hawkesbury College of Advanced Education or one of the academic units of the Hawkesbury campus of Western Sydney University
- Nominations for the awards may be submitted by members of the Western Sydney University community and the wider community
- An individual may nominate himself/herself
- Nominees may request to be removed from the nomination process at any stage during the nomination period
- Nominees do not have to be working in the particular discipline from which they graduated
- Alumni who are current staff, sessional staff and former staff of Western Sydney University and its antecedent institutions are eligible to be nominated. Alumni who are staff at other universities can also be nominated
- Up to three finalists for each award will be advised in writing and invited to a presentation event with family and friends where the winners will be announced.
- Previous award winners are not eligible for renomination in the same award category. Unsuccessful nominees and finalists may re-nominate in subsequent years

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations will be open for a period of up to 12 weeks. The awards and call for nominations will be publicised through emails to alumni, the GradLife magazine, Western Sydney University eNews, the Western Sydney University website and other University media.

The nominations pack is available for download at westernsydney.edu.au/alumniawards

In addition to calling for nominations from the Western Sydney University Alumni community, the Alumni team and school representatives will identify a number of alumni who could be nominated.

For more information on how to submit a nomination please visit the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of the Awards website at westernsydney.edu.au/alumniawards

JUDGING PANEL

The judging panel reserves the right to issue no award in a particular year. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The judging panel will consist of a cross section of representatives from the University's Senior Executive team and Board of Trustees, Alumni, Western Sydney Community and external stakeholders of the University.

No member of the judging panel may nominate or be nominated for an award, or be a nominee's referee.

The Chancellor will chair the judging panel.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Up to three finalists will be selected for each award. The Chancellor will invite the finalist in each award category, and their guests, to a presentation event hosted by the University. Each finalist will be presented with a certificate. A winner for each award will be announced at the event and will receive an engraved trophy.

Conditions of Entry

1. Alumni cannot win more than one individual award in any calendar year.
2. Alumni cannot win the same award category more than once.
3. Alumni may be nominated for more than one award.
4. The University reserves the right to withhold any award or decide not to make an award in any category, at its discretion.
5. The number of awards allocated in each category will be at the discretion of the University. The University may, at any time, discontinue any award and create additional award categories at its discretion.
6. Awards will not be awarded posthumously, unless otherwise determined by the University.
7. Joint nominations will not be accepted.
8. Nominations may be accepted from graduates of Western Sydney University, University of Western Sydney, or one of its antecedent institutions, being:
 - Hawkesbury Agricultural College;
 - Hawkesbury College of Advanced Education;
 - Nepean College of Advanced Education;
 - Milperra College of Advanced Education; and
 - Macarthur College of Advanced Education.

Note however that for the Hawkesbury Alumni Award, nominees must be a graduate of Hawkesbury Agricultural College, the Hawkesbury College of Advanced Education or from one of the academic units of the Hawkesbury campus of Western Sydney University.
9. The Chancellor's Alumni of the Year is the highest honour the Alumni Awards can bestow. This award is not open for application but will be decided at the discretion of the awards judging panel when considering nominations for all other award categories.
10. Current members of the Western Sydney University Academic Senate are not eligible to be nominated.
11. Nominations must be accompanied by the names and contact details of two referees who may be contacted to verify details of the nomination.
12. The University's decision is final on all matters relating to the nomination process, the selection of winners and the making of any award, and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. Nominations for the awards may be submitted by members of the Western Sydney University community and the wider community.
14. The University reserves the right to disclose the identity of the nominator to the nominee and the nominator expressly consents to such disclosure.
15. Personal information submitted to the University by the nominator or nominee, in connection with the awards, will be disclosed to members of the award judging panel for the purpose of judging the awards in each category. The judging panel will convene within eight weeks following the close of nominations.
16. Nominators and nominees are required to keep the contents of their nominations confidential.
17. The nominator's and/or winning nominee's name, image and statement may be published and/or used in any form of University media, in any context pertaining to the awards and the nominator and nominee consent to such use and disclosure.
18. Winners and their nominators, and all other nominators, will be personally contacted.
19. Award recipients will be announced by email and on westernsydney.edu.au/alumniawards following the presentation event where award winners will be announced.
20. Winner stories and photos will be published both online and in a future edition of the GradLife magazine. Nominee personal and contact information will not be disclosed publicly, but will be updated on the internal Western Sydney University alumni database for future contact.
21. Nomination applications are to be completed via the online nomination form at westernsydney.edu.au/alumniawards or print the PDF form and complete using a blue or black pen and send to the address details as provided on the nomination form.
22. All submissions must be received by 5pm (AEST) on the nominations period closing date advised.
23. Previous award winners are not eligible for renomination in the same award category. Unsuccessful nominees and finalists may re-nominate in subsequent years.

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