



2024 Deakin University Alumni Awards Frequently Asked Questions

Award categories

Deakin's Alumni Awards recognise and acknowledge incredible alumni around the world who have achieved outstanding success in their communities, professions or given exceptional service to the University.

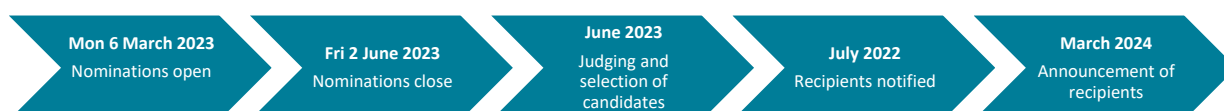
The two alumni award categories are:

- Alumni of the Year (over 40 years of age)
- Young Alumni of the Year (under 40 years of age at the time of nomination).

*The number of awards are not limited or extended to one per category but are awarded based on merit and can vary from year to year.

**If the nominee does not meet the age requirements for the selected awards category, their nomination will be moved to the awards category that they are eligible. For example: If a nominee is 38 years old but is nominated for the Alumni of the Year award category, their nomination will move to the award category for Young Alumni of the Year.

Key dates



Eligibility criteria

To be eligible the nominee must be:

- a Deakin alumna/alumnus who has completed an award course at Deakin University (or an antecedent institution)
- not hold a previously awarded Deakin Alumni Award
- the recipient of a posthumous award must have been deceased for no more than 10 years at the time of nomination

Unfortunately, nominees are not eligible to be nominated if they are a:

- current Deakin University Advancement staff member
- current Deakin University staff member who is not a Deakin graduate
- current member of the Senior Leadership Team
- Honorary degree recipient who did not also complete an award course at Deakin.



Nomination process

To submit a nomination, the nominator or nominee must complete the nomination form by Friday 2 June 2023. Individuals may nominate themselves, and we encourage past nominees to re-nominate.

Selection criteria

Nominees are judged on their demonstrated achievements both in their professional and personal lives. Nominees are evaluated against the following criteria. Each of the criteria has a **minimum character count** of 600 characters and a maximum of 700 characters.

Professional achievements

1. Strives for excellence in all aspects of their work with significant achievements through their career
2. Conducts business with the highest standards of professional behaviour and integrity
3. Innovative and entrepreneurial, solving problems with creativity and flexibility

Community-minded achievements

1. Dedication of significant personal and/or professional time for community support activities
2. Engaging in, or enabling philanthropy
3. Supports a vision about our shared future, integrating economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainability
4. Fosters mentorship

Inspirational leadership

1. Recognised as a leader in their field, or across multiple industries
2. Makes bold decisions, demonstrates courage and ambition
3. Encourages diversity by embracing differences and nurturing a connected, safe and respectful community

Selection process

Deakin University has established a Selection Committee which will consider all nominations received by the advertised closing date. Please note that any incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

The Selection Committee is Chaired by the Chief Advancement Officer (Advancement), who is assisted by senior Deakin university staff. The Selection Committee will rank all nominations against the above selection criteria and present them to the President and Vice-Chancellor of Deakin University, who will select the Alumni Award Winners and provide endorsement.



Notification process

Once approved by the Vice-Chancellor, the successful nominees will be informed by the Alumni Engagement Office.

Privacy

Please note that the nominations are confidential and only the award winners will be contacted by the Deakin Advancement Office.

The information on the nomination form will be used by Deakin University in connection with the administration of the award only. All information will remain confidential.

Deakin Privacy Policy Statement

Deakin University is collecting your personal information on this form and in the Deakin University online community portal for the primary purposes of selecting the 2024 Deakin Alumni Award winners and for updating details in the Deakin Advancement database to stay connected with you and to keep you aware of activities of interest to you as an alumni, donor and community member of Deakin, via mail, telephone, email, face-to-face appointment and social media. Deakin manages personal information it holds, including requests by individuals for access to their personal information, in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). Deakin's privacy policy may be viewed at www.deakin.edu.au/privacy. You may contact the University's Privacy Officer on (03) 5227 8524 or at privacy@deakin.edu.au.

Past winners

Explore more of our wonderful alumni award winners from previous years and be inspired by their stories [here](#).

More information

For more information about the nomination and selection process, please contact Alumni Engagement at deakinalumni@deakin.edu.au.