



UNIVERSITY  
OF WOLLONGONG  
AUSTRALIA

## Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement

### NOMINATION FORM

The information regarding this award should be read in conjunction with the [Vice-Chancellor's Award Guidelines](#).

#### What is the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement?

The Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement was established in 2006 to recognise, reward and encourage exceptional community engagement, external relations, excellence in media communications and/or outreach.

The University of Wollongong has a proud history of engaging with its multiple communities and enriching the student experience, research, teaching and learning. UOW remains committed to playing an active role in advancing and championing environmental, cultural, social and economic developments in its communities.

The 2020 - 2025 Strategic Plan has a strong focus on collaborating with our community to achieve great things together. Goal 3 focuses entirely on making a difference for our communities.

#### UOW Values

The nomination must provide an overview on how the nominee reflects the [values](#) of the University. These values are as follows:

***Intellectual openness***

*We are driven and determined, yet collegial and ethical in all that we do. We are always looking to serve our communities and share our knowledge and expertise with them for mutual betterment.*

***Excellence and dedication***

*We work tirelessly to excel in our research and education, and to address complex, real-world problems in partnership with our communities.*

***Empowerment and academic freedom***

*We celebrate the freedom to have different opinions and different ideas. We encourage the asking of difficult questions and discovery of innovative solutions.*

***Mutual respect and diversity***

*We aspire to set the standard for inclusiveness, diversity and equity. We welcome – and benefit from – the diversity of our communities within Australia and internationally. We will continue to champion Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation.*

***Recognition and performance***

*We celebrate the hard work and dedication of our staff, and recognise and reward their achievements. We expect all our staff to meet the challenges of our changing world by seizing opportunities that deliver continuous improvement.*

#### Who is eligible?

- This award is open to members of the academic and professional services staff as an individual or a team.
- Staff must be employed either on a permanent basis or temporary contract of at least one year, and must have been employed for a period of no less than 12 months prior to the date of nomination.

#### What is the Selection Criteria?

The Excellence in Community Engagement Award will be for achievements in the 12 months preceding the closing date for nominations and will consider the outcome and impact of this contribution.

The selection criteria for this award include the following:

- Alignment to the University's strategic goals.
- Demonstrating service or contribution over a sustained period of time or beyond the normal expectations of that staff member's role that has had a significant community benefit.
- Achievements in developing links, partnerships and/or programs between the University and outside organisations; for example in areas of external relations, excellence in media communications, outreach, and research.
- Enhancing the reputation of the University as a University actively engaged with the region and the communities it serves.

**How to nominate?**

A nomination is made by a single nominator and requires endorsement by the relevant Executive Dean/Faculty Executive Manager/Director of the nominee's business unit. Self-nominations are acceptable.

The nominator is required to address the award criteria and provide examples to support their claims. The nominator will take responsibility for completion and submission of the nomination form to the Community Engagement team by the due date.

Completed nominations should be sent to [community@uow.edu.au](mailto:community@uow.edu.au) marked Confidential. For information about the awards and details about the nomination deadlines please refer to the [Vice-Chancellor's Awards webpage](#).



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#### Individual Nominee Details:

Full name:	Position:
Faculty/Division:	School/Unit:
Contact number:	Email:

#### Team Details (Not required for individual award nominations):

Full name	School/Unit	Faculty	Contact number	Email

#### Summary (max 100 words)

A brief summary that can be used as the award citation if the nomination is successful.

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#### Reflection of UOW values (max 250 words)

How does the nominee reflect the values of the University?

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#### Nomination (up to two A4 pages, can be attached as a separate document)

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**Nominator**

Name:	Position:
Unit/School:	Faculty:
Contact number:	Email:

**Executive Dean/Faculty Executive Manager/Director Endorsement**

I, _____, endorse this nomination for an Excellence in Community Engagement Award.	
Faculty/Division:	Signature: