

2025 Vice Chancellor's Student Awards

Guide for Nominators

1. What are the Vice Chancellor's Student Awards?

One award will be made annually in each category to a student or a student team, who demonstrate outstanding achievements against the respective award criteria.

2. What are the 2025 Award categories?

The Vice-Chancellor's Student Award for Contribution to University Life is awarded to recognise a student, or a student team, who have significantly enhanced the student experience through exceptional dedication, leadership, and service within the university community.

Vice-Chancellor's Student Award for Community Engagement is awarded to recognise a student, or a student team, who has demonstrated outstanding engagement with external communities which aligns with ECU's strategic goals and values by transforming lives and enriching society.

Vice-Chancellor's Student Award for Reconciliation is awarded to recognise a student, or a student team, who has demonstrated outstanding contribution to develop an equitable community that values Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and knowledge.

3. What are the Award benefits?

For each of the awards, the winning student or student team, will receive:

- \$5,000 monetary prize
- A trophy
- A certificate

Special commendations, accompanied by an appropriate certificate, may be made to nominated students who are not award recipients, but who are considered particularly meritorious.

4. Who can nominate?

University students, staff, and representative bodies external to the University

5. Who can be nominated?

- Any student or a student team who meets the eligibility criteria
- A student or student team may be nominated for more than one award
- Previous award recipients are eligible for nomination

6. What are the eligibility criteria?

- The nominee/s must be enrolled in at least one unit at the time of nomination.
- The nominee/s must have good academic standing.
- All award recipients will have demonstrated behaviour that is consistent with the University's values of Integrity, Respect, Rational Inquiry, Personal Excellence and Courage.

7. How are nominations assessed?

Nominations are evaluated by a committee of staff and students and award recipients selected based on the below considerations.

- Depth of Impact - the degree of change and/or influence achieved
- Breadth of impact – the reach of change and/or influence achieved
- Sustainability of impact – the expected longevity of the change and/or influence achieved
- Relevance of Impact – the extent to which change and/or influence achieved aligns with award purpose, ECU's strategic goals and ECU's values of Integrity, Respect, Rational Inquiry, Personal Excellence and Courage.

Note: where students are in paid roles, nominations will be evaluated based on the degree to which the contribution of the nominee extends beyond reasonably expected paid work contributions

8. How do I nominate?

- Complete the nomination form and attach up to four pages of supporting documentation.
- Obtain the required endorsement and submit the form to studentawards@ecu.edu.au by 11:59pm on the 25th of July 2025.
- Late or amended applications will not be accepted after the closing date.

9. What supporting documentation can be provided with the nomination form?

You may include supporting documentation such as reports, newspaper cuttings, certificates, referee reports etc. The supporting documents should not exceed four pages.

10. Who should endorse the nomination?

All nominations must be endorsed by the relevant Dean of School or Centre Director for the student or student team who is being nominated, prior to submission.

If a nominator is external to the University (not familiar with the university/staff) then the nominator will need to forward their nomination directly to the student they are nominating.