Cormack Rowlands Award

Dr Joan Rowlands has had a far-reaching influence on the lives of residents at International House, first as a resident herself in 1970, later as resident Assistant Director (1979–80) and subsequently as President of Sydney University International House Alumni Association (SUIHAA) (2000–2003) and a very involved member of the IH alumni association. Joan was also a student of the University of Sydney in the area of Public Health. To all these roles Joan has brought her extraordinary intellect, dedication to the ideals of International House, wealth of life experience, genuine interest in people of all ages and backgrounds, and her wonderful sense of humour. A truly Renaissance woman, Joan is an inspiring role model and mentor to all those fortunate enough to know her.

On the occasion of Joan’s 90th birthday, two of Joan’s closest friends acknowledged her outstanding contribution to the IH community over so many years by inaugurating the Cormack Rowlands Award, to be awarded annually as funding permits for a project to overcome disadvantaged in Australia.

Eligibility

The Cormack Rowlands Award is open to all current International House residents enrolled full time in a course at the University of Sydney. The award is to be used within Australia during the academic year for a project to overcome disadvantaged. Individual residents or groups of residents can submit proposals, and creativity and entrepreneurship are encouraged.

Value of the Award

An amount of $1,000 or a great amount subject to income from the capital will be awarded annually to the winning proposal. Projects requiring larger budgets can also be submitted, as co-funding from other sources (e.g. students’ own fundraising) is also encouraged. One or more awards may be made depending on available funding from the capital or no award may be made at the discretion of the selection committee.

Details

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Director of International House by Monday 15 August. The written proposal (not to exceed two pages) must describe the aims and objectives of the project and its anticipated outcomes plus a budget (one page). Proposals should also include preapproval by all parties and organisations involved in or impacted by the project. On completion of the project a written report (limited to two pages) plus a maximum of three digital photos, should be submitted to the Deputy Director of IH by 30th September within the same academic year. This report may be used for promotional purposes. The report should be accompanied by an additional one page outlining the final budget. A presentation on the project will be made to the IH community in October of that academic year.

Selection

The selection committee will consist of the Director of International House (or his/her nominee), the IHMA Chairperson, a SUIHAA representative and one other member of the IH community (such as a Senior Resident or student leader). One member of the selection committee should preferably have a business background).