Faculty of Veterinary Science
100 Years of Veterinary Science, 1910 - 2010

Faculty Alumni Awards 2012

The Faculty’s inaugural awards were established in 2012 to recognised alumni across the decades who have made outstanding contributions to their profession and to society, and have shown exceptional dedication and leadership in their field. These awards will complement the prestigious University Alumni Awards.

It has been said that the best measure of an institution is the success of its graduates. Over its hundred year history, the Faculty of Veterinary Science alumni community has set standards of excellence at a local, national and international level, in a diversity of professional endeavours.

The Faculty Alumni Awards Selection Panel will include members of the Faculty of Veterinary Science Alumni Association (USVSA) and Dean’s representative(s), with co-ordination from the Faculty Alumni Relations Officer. It will be chaired by the Alumni Council representative of the Faculty.

The awards will cover the following areas of achievement:

- **Community**
  To recognise the personal contribution that alumni have made to the enrichment of Australian society through their community service.

- **International**
  To recognise the personal contributions that alumni who reside overseas have made to the enrichment of international society through their community or professional service.

- **Professional**
  To recognise the outstanding achievement of alumni in their professional field.

- **Young Alumni**
  To recognise the outstanding achievement made by alumni under the age of 30 to the University, local, Australian or international communities.
**What are the Faculty of Veterinary Science Alumni Awards?**
The Faculty Alumni Awards recognise graduates of the Faculty for exceptional professional achievement and contribution to the community at the local, state, national or international levels.

This will be the second year for the Faculty Alumni Awards, which will complement the already existing and prestigious University Alumni Awards program. The Awards will be co-ordinated by the Faculty’s Alumni Relations Officer, on behalf of the Dean.

Achievements are recognized in the areas of Community, International, Professional and Young Alumni, as detailed above.

**Who is eligible for nomination?**
Only graduates from the Faculty of Veterinary Science in the University of Sydney may be nominated for these awards.

**How many awards are offered annually?**
Up to four alumni awards may be offered each year.

**What are the criteria for selection?**
The Faculty Alumni Awards Selection Panel will take into consideration the following qualities:

- impact and/or transformation arising from the issues pursued / work done*
- degree of difficulty or challenge of the issues pursued / work done
- community / volunteer spirit and service
- communication skills
- creativity and innovation
- dedication
- leadership

*how the work has changed the process in a particular discipline or in society

**What information should be provided with a nomination?**
An official nomination form with two supporting nominators must be completed, as well as:

- Outline of the qualities which you believe make your nominee worthy of an award, with particular reference to the specific category of nomination (500 word limit)
- Activities, in or beyond the profession, in which your nominee is engaged
- Curriculum vitae (2 page limit)
- List of community service contributions (where relevant)
- Documentary evidence such as newspaper clippings, copies of certificates, etc. of your nominee’s achievements and activities
- Two referees with whom the Panel may consult
Please Note:

The nominator is encouraged to approach the nominee for additional information, particularly related to service to the community outside their professional area.

Nominations and supporting statements are confidential. The information provided in the nomination process will not be communicated to the nominee, unless the nominator indicates.

Nominations must be submitted on the official form with the required supporting documents.

Please forward your nomination to the Faculty Alumni Officer by:

5pm on Monday 30 April 2012.

Who can nominate?
Nominations for the awards may be submitted by members of the University community and the wider community. For example:

- A graduate from The University of Sydney
- An academic staff member of The University of Sydney
- An employer
- A member of the community

Alumni may not nominate themselves for the Faculty Alumni Awards.

Nominations should include information regarding why the nominee is exceptional and be prepared with particular attention to detail, ensuring all possible information on the nominee is included. Nominations should include all relevant experiences beginning from the nominee’s graduation from The University of Sydney.

Please address criteria in plain English, with achievements listed as dot points.

Who is on the selection panel and what do they do?
The award recipients are selected by the Faculty Alumni Awards Selection Panel, consisting of the Chair (Alumni Council representative of the Faculty); representative(s) of the Dean; and representatives of the USVSAA. The panel is co-ordinated by the Faculty Alumni Relations Officer.

The Faculty Alumni Selection Panel will meet shortly after the nominations close to select the award recipients and winners will be notified in May.

If a nominator of an award is on the selection panel for the Alumni Awards, then the nominator’s interest should be declared.
If an award nominee is on the Selection Panel then she/he must immediately withdraw from the Panel.
If a nominator is on the Selection Panel then she/he must withdraw from judging of that area of achievement.
When are the awards presented?
The awards will be presented during June or July at an awards ceremony and cocktail reception.

If a recipient is unable to receive an award in person, the award will be presented in a manner determined by the Dean (or her nominee), in consultation with the recipient.

How do these awards relate to The University of Sydney Alumni Awards?
These awards complement the already existing and prestigious University of Sydney Alumni Awards program, which has been running for over a decade.

Winners are automatically entered into the nomination process for The University of Sydney Alumni Awards.

Please send nominations marked “IN CONFIDENCE” to:

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NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5PM), MONDAY 30 APRIL 2012.