

## Information: 2022 Southern Cross University Student Excellence Awards

### 1. Award process

SCU students can self-nominate or be nominated by another SCU student or staff member.

- 1.1 Nomination Submission: The nomination form should be completed and submitted via the online portal before the award nomination closing date. The portal is accessible via the [Southern Cross University Student Excellence Awards webpage](#).
- 1.2 Nomination closing date: The closing date for nominations is 11.59pm Monday, 24 October, 2022 (NSW time). No late entries will be accepted. Incomplete nominations will not be accepted.
- 1.3 Selection Panel: The Southern Cross University Student Excellence Award winners will be determined by an awards selection panel comprised of SCU staff. Nominees are not permitted to discuss their nomination with the selection panel. If this occurs the nomination will be withdrawn.
- 1.4 Granting of the awards. The selection panel will assess the nominations against the award criteria (refer to section 3.0) and determine the awards accordingly. The selection panel reserves the right not to grant any awards. Award recipients will be announced Thursday, 24 November, 2022.

### 2. Award eligibility

- 2.1 All nominees must be an enrolled student, or on approved leave of absence, for at least one teaching period in 2022. Nominees can be enrolled full-time or part-time and can be from any academic cohort, such as undergraduate or postgraduate.
- 2.2 All nominees must meet the award eligibility criteria for the preceding 12 months.
- 2.3 Nominees must have achieved a satisfactory academic record, with no adverse misconduct finding made in the award period as per the [Student Academic and Non - Academic Misconduct Rules](#).

### 3. Nomination requirements

Nominations need to articulate how the student is eligible for a Student Excellence Award. Nominations must include the following information.

- 3.1 Staff nominating a student:
  - a. Endorsement of the nomination, including evidence of the achievements/reasons for the nomination (approx. 300 - 500 words)
  - b. Supporting documentation e.g. photos, social media posts, media coverage, testimonials, videos etc.
- 3.2 Students nominating another student:
  - a. Endorsement of the nomination, including evidence of the achievements/reasons for the nomination (approx. 300 - 500 words)
  - b. Supporting documentation e.g. photos, social media posts, media coverage, testimonials, videos etc.
- 3.3 Self-nomination:
  - a. Description of the nomination, including evidence of the achievements/reasons for the self-nomination (approx. 300 - 500 words)
  - b. Supporting documentation e.g. photos, social media posts, media coverage, testimonials, videos etc.

- c. Letter of support for the nomination on a letterhead from an individual or organisation that the nominee has been involved with, for example, an SCU staff member, stakeholder, community organisation, club or group.

#### **4. Award criteria**

- 4.1 Student Excellence Awards will be granted in recognition of a student who has demonstrated excellence and impact through a significant contribution to enhancing the student experience, fostering positive change or engagement with communities leading to lasting impact. Indicators of excellence may include:
- Evidence of outstanding leadership of a club or society, or other significant student focused activity either individually, or as part of a program run by the University.
  - Supporting students and/or community in times of crisis.
  - Significant positive contribution and/or impact to the campus culture and life of Southern Cross University (e.g. through the UniMentor, Study Buddi, Orientation and Induction, and Ambassador programs).
  - Significant contribution to the enhancement of relations between Southern Cross University and the wider community.
  - Significant work in a volunteer or paid capacity leading to positive social change or community advancement.
  - Evidence of outstanding leadership and/or contribution to sporting life at SCU, either individual or team (e.g. playing, coaching, supporting, volunteering, team management)