

Application Information

The applicant should complete an Application Form, including nominations from two people.

Application forms are available at www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/community_engagement/community_engagement_award/ or by calling (02) 9701 4176

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Community Engagement

Community engagement is the process through which Australian Catholic University brings the capabilities of its staff and students to work collaboratively with community groups and organisations to achieve mutually agreed goals that build capacity, improve wellbeing, and produce just and sustainable outcomes in the interests of people, communities, and the University.

The University values community engagement as:

- a key means of advancing its Mission in serving the common good and enhancing the dignity and wellbeing of people and communities, specially those most marginalised or disadvantaged;
- integral to its teaching, learning and research; and
- affirming relationships that depend on trust and genuine partnerships with community organisations, institutions and corporations.

**2009 Staff Award
for Outstanding
Community Engagement**

Community Engagement Award

The Vice-Chancellor has established the Staff Award for Outstanding Community Engagement to recognise and encourage exceptional community engagement by a member of ACU National staff.

The Award will be presented at a graduation ceremony in the following year.

The University will promote the community engagement activity of the successful nominee/s to the media and the community.

All staff involved in significant University community engagement projects are eligible to nominate for the award. Applications from a staff team will also be considered for this award.

The selected staff recipient will be presented with the Staff Award for Outstanding Community Engagement which includes \$5,000 for use in an approved community engagement-related project.

The University reserves the right to not make an Award in any given year.

Criteria for Assessing Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Award Committee will evaluate applications according to the following criteria on the basis of the evidence provided:

- the extent of the staff member's involvement in community engagement;
- evidence of learning, reflection and growth by the staff member through their involvement in community engagement;
- the extent to which the member of staff's engagement with the community is aligned with the University's Mission; and
- any supporting documentation provided by relevant community organisations, including at least one written testimonial.

Procedures

- Applicants must complete an Application Form and documentation that supports/verifies the application.
- Applications must include nominations by two persons, one of whom must be an ACU National staff member, who has direct knowledge of the community engagement activities of the nominee.
- Applications must be received by Friday 30 October 2009.
- Applications will be assessed on the basis of written submissions only.
- The Awards Committee reserves the right to seek clarification on any aspect of the application, from the applicant or either of the nominators.
- A recommendation regarding the Award recipient will be forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor by mid December 2009.
- Announcement of the Award will be made by the Vice-Chancellor in December 2009.
- The Award will be presented at one of the University's Graduation Ceremonies in 2010.