Application Information

The applicant must complete a Nomination Form. Nomination forms are available for download at:

www.acu.edu.au/53578

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Community Engagement

Australian Catholic University sees community engagement as:

- advancing its Mission to serve the common good and enhance the dignity and wellbeing of people and communities, especially those most marginalised or disadvantaged;
- integral to its teaching, learning and research; and
- depending on trusting relationships and genuine partnerships with community organisations, institutions and corporations.

Community engagement draws upon capabilities of the University’s staff and students to work collaboratively with community groups and organisations in mutually agreed projects that build capacity, improve wellbeing, and produce just and sustainable outcomes in the interests of individuals, communities and the University.
The Vice-Chancellor has established the Staff Award for Outstanding Community Engagement to recognise and encourage exceptional community engagement by a member of the university’s 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 not to make an Award in any given year.

### Community Engagement Award Criteria for Assessing Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Awards 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 involvement in community engagement;
- the extent to which the staff member’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 a Nomination Form and attach appropriate documentation that supports/verifies the application.
- Applicants must include nominations by two persons, one of whom has direct knowledge of the community engagement activities of the nominee, and at least one of whom is an ACU staff member.
- Applications must be submitted by Friday 28 October 2011.
- 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 2011.
- Announcement of the Award will be made by the Vice-Chancellor in December 2011.
- The Award will be presented at one of the University’s Graduation Ceremonies in 2012.