

# Rising Star Award

## Nomination Form

Since 1994 the UNE Alumni Awards have provided an opportunity to recognise the diverse achievements of our alumni in their lives, careers and communities. Award winners have demonstrated their commitment to UNE's core values which currently include:

- ◆ **Open** – Building relationships on the principles of openness, transparency, sincerity and inclusivity;
- ◆ **Enquiring** – Having curiosity, foresight, flexibility, creativity, courage and perseverance to spur positive change;
- ◆ **Exceptional** – Knowing that integrity, ambition and a commitment to continuous improvement is key to excellence;
- ◆ **Making a difference** – Striving to create positive change for individuals and communities.

*(Future Fit, UNE Strategic Plan 2021 -2030)*

### Who can nominate?

Nominations will be accepted from members of UNE Convocation including graduates, current or former UNE Council members, staff and former staff of the University of New England.

### Can a graduate be nominated for more than one award?

One graduate may be nominated for more than one award category; however, the nominee may not win more than one category in any award year, and is not eligible to win the same category more than once.

### Can I nominate myself?

**Self-nominations will not be accepted.** If you believe you are eligible and are having trouble finding a nominator, you may contact Alumni Relations at [alumni@une.edu.au](mailto:alumni@une.edu.au) at least one month before the closing date outlining how you meet the criteria of the award. With this information we may be able to put you in contact with someone who is willing to nominate you.

### How to Nominate

1. Complete the nomination form. If you are nominating one graduate in multiple categories, please complete a separate nomination package for each category.
2. Provide answers to each of the selection criteria questions that clearly demonstrates how the nominee meets the criteria of the award and how they have gone above and beyond the normal course of their career. Provide examples and evidence where possible.
3. Provide a copy of the nominee's current professional resume/biography.
4. Provide a minimum of two written references in support of this nomination; the nominator may also act as one of the two referees. The referees should attest to the nominee's credentials.
5. Nominations may also include optional supporting evidence: awards, media clippings, electronic media footage, etc. (maximum of three attachments).
6. Compile and save all documents and information as pdf files and send to [alumni@une.edu.au](mailto:alumni@une.edu.au).
7. Completed nominations must be received by **5pm 30 June 2024**. Any incomplete nominations or nominations submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

**Note: Selection of award recipients is based entirely on the information provided in the submitted nomination package.**

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The **UNE Rising Star Award** is presented to a UNE graduate who:

- ◆ Is in the early stages of their career (15 years or less since graduation);
- ◆ Displays outstanding leadership and professional qualities while embodying UNE's values of creativity, innovation, risk-taking, access and inclusion;
- ◆ Embodies characteristics of honesty, ethical behaviour and authenticity;
- ◆ Will inspire future generations of UNE graduates with their achievements.

### Conditions of Entry

1. A UNE graduate cannot win more than one award category in any calendar year and cannot win the same award category more than once.
2. Awards will not be awarded posthumously.
3. Joint nominations will be accepted for the Alumni Community Award.
4. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Please contact UNE Alumni Relations at least one month before closing date if you cannot find a nominator. Email: [alumni@une.edu.au](mailto:alumni@une.edu.au)
5. Nominations will only be accepted from members of UNE Convocation including graduates, current or former UNE Council members, staff and former staff of the University of New England.
6. Current members of UNE Council or UNE Foundation Board of Directors are not eligible to be nominated in any award category.
7. Current UNE students are not eligible to be nominated in any award category.
8. Nominations must be accompanied by two written references. Referees must supply their contact details with their reference and may be contacted to verify their reference.
9. The selection panel's decision is final on all matters relating to the nomination process and the selection of award recipients and no correspondence will be entered into
10. The selection panel reserves the right to select nominations to remain valid for up to two years. Nominators will be responsible for updating additional information.
11. The selection panel reserves the right not to allocate an award in one of the categories if, in their opinion, there are no entries of sufficient merit. The number of awards allocated in each category will be at the discretion of the selection panel.
12. The University reserves the right to disclose the identity of the nominator to the nominee.
13. Personal information submitted to the University by the nominator or nominee, in connection with the awards, will be given to the selection panel for the purpose of judging the awards and will be stored in the University's alumni database. The Alumni Office maintains confidentiality with all submissions and only notifies the award recipients, their nominators, and the nominators of all other candidates. Nominators should use their discretion as to the whether to notify their nominees during the process.
14. The nominator's and/or winning nominee's name, image and statement may be published and/or used in any form of media, in any context pertaining to the awards. For more information and a complete list of past alumni award recipients, visit: [www.une.edu.au/alumni/alumni-of-distinction-and-award-winners/alumni-award-recipients](http://www.une.edu.au/alumni/alumni-of-distinction-and-award-winners/alumni-award-recipients).
15. Nominations are to be forwarded electronically or in hard copy to arrive by **5pm 30 June 2024**.

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### The Nominee (person being nominated)

Title:	Full Name:	Post Nominal:
Mailing address:		
Telephone/Mobile:	Email address:	
Current Occupation:	Current Organisation:	
Date of birth:	Is the Nominee aware of their nomination?	

**Note:** *If the Nominee is aware of their nomination they will be notified of the outcome of this award application. If No, you, the Nominator, will be notified of the outcome. We recommend that you work with the Nominee to ensure all supplied information is correct.*

### Degrees and qualifications:

*List the Nominees degrees/qualifications (including year)*

UNE Degrees:
Non-UNE degrees or qualifications:

Please contact UNE Alumni Relations to confirm qualifications via email: [alumni@une.edu.au](mailto:alumni@une.edu.au)

### Citation:

*Provide a brief citation of why the Nominee should be given this award*

The nominee should be awarded an Alumni Community Award in recognition of their.....
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### The Nominator (you)

Nominations will be accepted from members of UNE Convocation including graduates, current or former UNE Council members, staff and former staff of the University of New England.

Title:	Full Name:	Post Nominal:
Mailing address:		
Telephone/Mobile:	Email address:	
UNE Association:		

### Referees:

#### First Referee

Title:	Full Name:	Post Nominal:
Telephone/Mobile:	Email address:	
Current Occupation:	Current Organisation:	

#### Second Referee

Title:	Full Name:	Post Nominal:
Telephone/Mobile:	Email address:	
Current Occupation:	Current Organisation:	

*Note: Written references must be included*

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### Selection Criteria

1. Describe in 500 words or less how the nominee has, since graduation, displayed outstanding leadership and professional qualities while embodying UNE's values of creativity, innovation, risk-taking and access and inclusion.

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### Selection Criteria

2. Describe in 500 words or less how the nominee has, since graduation, embodied UNE's values of honesty, ethical behaviour and authenticity.

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### Selection Criteria

3. Describe in 500 words or less how the nominee has, since graduation, inspired current or future generations of UNE graduates, or will inspire future UNE graduates.

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### Submission Checklist (please include):

Completed Nomination Form

Two written references from referees (as specified above)

Current resume or biography of nominee

**Optional:** Supporting evidence including awards, media clippings, electronic media footage  
(no more than three attachments)

High resolution photo of nominee (if available)

### Lodging the nomination:

I confirm, to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided in this nomination is true and correct.

Once you have completed the nomination form, please ensure you save a copy to your computer then attach the **saved completed nomination form** along with all the required supporting documents listed above and email to [alumni@une.edu.au](mailto:alumni@une.edu.au) by **5pm 31 July 2023**.

Any incomplete nominations or nominations submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: [alumni@une.edu.au](mailto:alumni@une.edu.au)

Mail: Alumni Relations, PO Box U32, University of New England, Armidale NSW 2351

**Nominations close: 30 June 2024**