

DASSH Awards for Leadership in Excellence and Innovation Guidelines

DASSH Awards for Excellence and Innovation are made in recognition of the outstanding work of staff in Australasian humanities, arts and social sciences fields each year. The Awards celebrate the efforts of those involved and promote their achievements across the region, with the aim of inspiring new initiatives and sharing best practice approaches in our member faculties.

The Awards are offered across these categories:

- Education and Employability
- Public Engagement
- Indigenous
- International

One Award will be offered in each category each year to the nominee who best addresses the selection criteria of the category.

The Awards are of no monetary value and confer no rights or privileges within the organisation.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria - All Categories

Nominations must be signed and submitted by either a Dean, Deputy Dean or Associate Dean (or functional equivalent, for example an Executive Dean or Pro Vice-Chancellor) of a DASSH-member university and consist of a completed nomination form.

Nominators may submit multiple nominations, but nominees may be nominated once and in a single category only each year.

Nominees must be employed in DASSH-member universities and the relevant activities described in the nomination form must have been conducted as part of their employment.

Self-nominations are welcome.

The majority of activity/ies outlined in a nomination must have been undertaken in the twelve months prior to the submission of the nomination. Nominations detailing longer-term initiatives may be considered at the discretion of the assessment committee if substantial progress is found to have been made in the preceding year.

Nominations must describe a discrete initiative or achievement led by the nominee rather than career excellence. The initiative should highlight the value and necessity of excellent leadership within university divisions.

Applications must address the criteria of innovation, impact, capacity building and advancing the HASS disciplines.

Nominations are to be submitted via email to office@dassh.edu.au before 5PM on the day of the deadline.

Education and Employability Award

Excellence, in education and employability through projects led by the nominee which reflect innovative and effective approaches to learning and teaching practices. These can be within a HASS discipline, department or faculty/college. Employability can include (for example) initiatives and outcomes relating to undergraduate, postgraduate and research student instruction or supervision, all modes of course delivery, and work-integrated learning.

Public Engagement Award

This award recognises excellence in public engagement and communication by HASS academics with one or more non-academic communities or makes a significant contribution to public debate. This can be through (for example) partnerships, research or other initiatives.

Indigenous Award

Excellence, as demonstrated by the impacts of an initiative which aims to improve the representation, inclusion, and contribution of Indigenous peoples of Australia and/or Aotearoa/New Zealand in the work of HASS faculties/colleges.

International Award

Excellence, as demonstrated by impacts of an initiative led by the nominee which aims to improve the international connections of a HASS faculty/college, discipline or team.

Assessment and Conferral

Nominations will be assessed according to the Eligibility and Award Guidelines by an Assessment Committee comprised of at least three members drawn from the DASSH Board and NOADD Leadership Team memberships and chaired by the President of the DASSH Board (or delegate). Separate Assessment Committees may be formed for each Award category.

Members of the Assessment Committee will be ineligible to receive Awards but may nominate others.

The Assessment Committee, in its discretion, may determine that no Award should be conferred in one or more categories in any given year if a nomination of sufficient merit is not received. In the event that multiple nominations are found to be of equal merit, the Assessment Committee may determine that an Award be shared by those nominees. The Assessment Committee may also determine that one or more nominees be given Honourable Mentions.

The winners of the Awards will be announced during the annual DASSH conference (or online equivalent). The names of winners, their institutions, and a brief summary of their work relevant to the Award may be published on the DASSH website and otherwise publicised in promotional activities and materials.