DISTINGUISHED PAST STUDENT AWARD GUIDELINES

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of awarding a UQGPSA Distinguished Past Student Award is primarily to recognise past students who have made, or continue to make, a distinguished contribution to their vocation in an area of relevance to their UQ Gatton education, or who have achieved outstanding success or honor in their chosen field.

1.2 A number of awards (up to three) may be issued each year from nominations received. A posthumous award would not normally be granted.

1.3 The award presents an opportunity to recognise notable achievements of past students and to highlight in public arenas the role of UQ Gatton, or any of its former entities, as an educational provider.

1.4 To further enhance the ideals of the UQ Gatton Past Students’ Association Inc.

2. Criteria

A nominee for the award of the Distinguished Past Student Award should meet the following criteria:

2.1 A past student of UQ Gatton, or any of its former entities, who in his/her post UQ Gatton life has achieved distinction in a field which is in some way connected to his/her time at UQ Gatton. Achievements in the field of a profession, industry or the wider community are inclusive but not exclusive criteria.

2.2 Be nominated and seconded by past students familiar with the nominee and who can justify the nomination.

2.3 The nominating persons receive confirmation from the person nominated that they will accept the award.
3. Submission of Nominations

3.1 Invitations to submit nominations will be by advertisement through the UQ Gatton Past Students’ Association and its Re-Connect Magazine.

3.2 Nominations must be submitted in writing on the appropriate form to UQ Gatton Past Students’ Association and must be signed by a proposer and a seconder.

3.3 Nominations should be on the appropriate nomination form. In particular, a nomination should include details of exceptional achievements or contributions that warrant consideration for the award. Nomination Form, Curriculum Vitae as well as letters from the proposer and seconder shall not exceed 10 pages in all.

3.4 Letters from the proposer and seconder stating why the nominee deserves this award will be highly regarded by the UQ Gatton Past Students’ Association Management Committee.

3.5 Nomination forms can be downloaded from the UQ Gatton Past Students’ Association web-site, www.uq.edu.au/gatton/paststudents.

3.6 Nominations should be returned by the closing date to:

   The Secretary
   UQ Gatton Past Students’ Association Inc.
   Box 717
   The University of Queensland
   Gatton Campus
   Gatton Qld 4343
   Email: gattonpaststudents@uq.edu.au

3.7 Nominations received will be considered in the year of nomination. Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated again in future years.

3.8 The award will only be awarded to a person once.

4. Selection

4.1 Nominations will be assessed by the UQ Gatton Past Students’ Association Management Committee.

4.2 The Committee may make enquiries such as it deems necessary with respect to the achievements or contributions outlined in the nomination form and attachment. All enquiries will be carried out in a strictly confidential manner.

4.3 The award will be presented at an appropriate ceremony, normally the UQ Gatton Past Students’ Association’s Back to College Weekend held annually on the first weekend in December at UQ Gatton.