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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, and/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 The award presents an opportunity to identify notable achievements of past students to highlight in public arenas the role of UQ Gatton, or any of its former entities, as an educational provider.
- 1.3 To further enhance the ideals of the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association Inc.

2. Issue of Awards

- 2.1 Up to three (3) awards may be issued each year from nominations received. Posthumous awards are not normally granted.
- 2.2 A past student can only receive the award once.

3. Criteria

A nominee for the Distinguished Past Student Award must meet the following criteria:

- 3.1 Be a past student of UQ Gatton, or any of its former entities.
- 3.2 Achieved distinction in a field some way connected to their time at the Gatton Campus. Achievements in the field of a profession, industry or the wider community are inclusive but not exclusive criteria.
- 3.3 Be nominated and seconded by past students of the Gatton Campus who are familiar with the nominee and can provide a statement to justify the nomination.
- 3.4 Agree to accept the award should their nomination for the award be successful.

4. Nomination

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

4.2 The Distinguished Past Student Award Guidelines and Nomination Form can be downloaded from the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association web-site, www.uq.edu.au/gatton/paststudents.

4.3 Nominations must include:

- A completed nomination form signed by a proposer and a seconder.
- A current resume/biography of the nominee
- A written statement (maximum of 1000 words) by the proposers detailing why the nominee deserves to be recognised by the award and how they meet the award criteria.
- The name and contact details for at least two referees who, if required, may be contacted for a reference to further support the nomination. Referees who are leaders in their profession, industry etc., will be highly regarded.
- While optional, nominations may also include supporting evidence such as other awards, copies of media clippings, electronic media etc., (up to a maximum of three attachments).

4.4 Nominations must be forwarded by the closing date, 30th September each year, to:

The Secretary
UQ Gatton Past Students' Association Inc.
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4.5 Nominations received will be considered in the year of nomination. Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated again in future years.

5. Selection

4.1 Nominations will be assessed and nominees selected, by the management committee of the UQ Gatton Past Students' Association.

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.

4.2 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.