



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES AWARDS

The Tasmanian University Student Association Clubs and Societies Awards are in recognition of the outstanding contribution our clubs and societies make towards enhancing the student experience at the University of Tasmania. The Awards acknowledge and encourage students who demonstrate the commitment required to run a successful club/society.

CATEGORIES

Section A

1. Constituent Club/Society of the Year
2. Cultural Club/Society of the Year
3. Interest Based Club/Society of the Year
4. Community Based Club/Society of the Year

Section B

5. Academic Award
6. Sustainability Award
7. TUSA Community Event of the Year Award
8. Equity and Inclusion Activity Award
9. Online Activity of the Year Award
10. Best Promotional Material
11. Best Collaboration
12. Most Improved Club/Society

Section C – Individual Awards

13. Gold Awards (10)
 - Including **TUSA Purpose, Vision and Values Gold Awards**
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Section D – Major Awards

14. Achievement of the Year
15. Best New Club/Society
16. Club/Society of the Year (under 100 members)
17. Club/Society of the Year (over 100 members)

ENTRY & JUDGING

Clubs/societies intending to apply need to complete an online nomination form via Rubric (QPay), providing details against the awards criteria. Examples of things to mention or include in the awards submission will be provided on the nomination form. Clubs/societies may enter only one (1) category in Section A, and any number of categories in Section B.

Each club/society may nominate a maximum of two (2) individual committee members for a Gold Award. There will be approximately 10 Gold Awards in total, though the final number will be determined at the judges' discretion. The selection committee will nominate 5 of the chosen Gold Awards recipients to receive our TUSA purpose, vision and values Gold Awards of *Student Led – Connected – Bold – Effective – Kind*.

The TUSA Clubs and Societies Award Committee will assess clubs & societies' submissions against the award criteria to determine the category winners and any runners-up. All nominees from Sections A and B will automatically be considered for Major Awards - categories 14-17.

The Award Committee has the right to not award a particular award category if no nominations are felt to fulfil its criteria. The committee may, at its discretion, nominate a Club/Society for an award category, or a clubs/societies' organising committee member/s where it is felt recognition is deserved. The decisions of the committee shall be final, and no correspondence will be entered in to.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

All Categories (except Gold Awards)

- The club/society must be affiliated to the Tasmanian University Student Association in the year of the Awards.
- All affiliation requirements must be satisfied by close of nominations
- The club/society must demonstrate a minimum of 51% current UTAS student membership
- All activities included in the nomination submission must have been conducted between 1 October of the previous year and 30 September of current year.

Section A

- A club/society may only enter one (1) of these categories
- The club/society must enter the category that best describes their type of club/society
- Where clubs/societies meet the definition of more than one category, they may choose which single category to enter

1. Constituent Club/Society of the Year

A constituent society serves the interests of a defined group of members, though it may offer benefits to people outside its target group (e.g., Geology Students Club, Painting Society, Law Society).

This category will be awarded to a Club/Society that demonstrates:

- strong progress towards the Club/Society's aims
- care towards administrative tasks
- a wide range of well organised activities that are appealing to its target group
- high level participation in its activities (relative to its target group)
- well-designed publicity across a range of mediums
- development of fresh and innovative ideas and activities
- growth and maintenance of its membership
- consistent improvement
- benefits for the Club/Society's constituents and official members
- and a positive contribution to student life

2. Cultural Club/Society of the Year

A cultural club/society serves the interests of students who share a particular national or religious culture and/or promotes the understanding and acceptance of particular national or religious cultures amongst the wider university community (e.g., Malaysian Students Society, Young Apostles Society).

This category will be awarded to a Club/Society that demonstrates:

- strong progress towards the Club/Society's aims
- care towards administrative tasks
- a wide range of well organised activities that are appealing to members of its cultural group
- efforts to promote understanding and acceptance of its cultural group amongst the wider university community
- high level participation in its activities
- well-designed publicity across a range of mediums
- development of fresh and innovative ideas and activities
- growth and maintenance of its membership
- consistent improvement
- benefits for the Club/Society's official membership
- and a positive contribution to student life

3. Interest Based Club/Society of the Year

An interest-based club/society has been formed for the purpose of engaging in and promoting a particular interest, though not all its activities must be dedicated to that interest (e.g., Bushwalking Club, Dawn of Dance Society, PLoT).

This category will be awarded to a Club/Society that demonstrates:

- strong progress towards the Club/Society's aims
- care towards administrative tasks
- a wide-range of well organised interest-based (and other) activities
- high level participation in its activities
- well-designed publicity across a range of mediums
- development of fresh and innovative ideas and activities
- growth and maintenance of its membership
- consistent improvement
- benefits for the Club/Society's official membership
- and a positive contribution to student life

4. Community Based Club/Society of the Year

A community-based club/society has been formed for the purpose of making improvements and building connections in the wider community, independent of any constituent base, cultural group, or single interest (e.g., Impact Society, Labor Society).

This category will be awarded to a Club/Society that demonstrates:

- strong progress towards the Club/Society's aims
- care towards administrative tasks
- a wide range of well organised activities that are appealing to members and the wider community
- efforts to promote understanding and acceptance and/or progress of a particular cause or initiative
- high level participation in its activities
- well-designed publicity across a range of mediums
- development of fresh and innovative ideas and activities
- growth and maintenance of its membership
- consistent improvement
- and a positive contribution to student life and the wider community

Section B

Any Club/Society may enter any number of these categories

5. Academic Award

To be awarded to a Club/Society for an initiative or event that demonstrates:

- primarily academic objectives – e.g., book sale, study club, guest speaker
- significant progress towards achieving its academic objectives
- high participation or distribution (relative to target audience)
- excellent management
- and uniqueness, tradition and/or wide appeal
- Clubs/societies that have engaged in multiple initiatives or events that meet these criteria must select just one (1) to enter this category.

6. Sustainability Award

To be awarded to a Club/Society for an initiative or event that demonstrates:

- concern for environmental sustainability, whether as a major or minor objective of the initiative or event – e.g., environmental awareness campaign, implemented recycling at events
- appropriate attention to the environmental impact of materials (source, and waste management) involved in the event or initiative
- and any other benefits for environmental sustainability
- Clubs/societies that have engaged in multiple initiatives or events that meet these criteria must select just one (1) to enter this category.

7. TUSA Community Event of the Year Award

This award will be presented to a club/society that demonstrates:

- a well organised activity/event that is appealing to its members and the wider community
- building connections in the wider community
- a positive contribution to student life and the wider community
- high level participation
- well-designed publicity across a range of mediums

8. Online Activity of the Year Award

This award will be presented to a club/society that has actively engaged, connected, and supported their members via an online platform.

9. Equity and Inclusion Activity Award

This award will be presented to a club/society that can demonstrate it has made a conscious effort towards creating and promoting a safe, welcoming, accessible, and inclusive activity for their members, in an environment free from discrimination.

10. Best Promotional Material

To be awarded to a club/society for one (1) piece of promotional material that has:

- visual appeal
- innovative or fresh ideas
- wide distribution (relative to target audience)
- engagement results
- achieved its desired goals and objectives

A piece of promotional material might be a poster, a video, a sticker, a newsletter, a social media post, a website, a Facebook page, etc. and must include use of TUSA logo, and if applicable, the SSAF funding tagline where a club/society grant was approved to assist towards funding activity/event, to acknowledge funds were contributed via the Student Services Amenities Fees.

Clubs/societies that have produced multiple materials that meet these criteria must select just one (1) to enter this category.

11. Best Collaboration

To be awarded to a group of two or more TUSA-affiliated clubs/societies that have run an event or other initiative in conjunction with one another (and any other community groups) demonstrating:

- strong organisational skills
- innovative or fresh ideas
- effective promotion
- inclusive and high participation (relative to target group)
- and why the same outcomes would *not* have been achieved by a single club/society working alone

Submissions for events involving multiple TUSA-affiliated clubs/societies that were organised by TUSA representatives will not be accepted.

12. Most Improved Club/Society

To be awarded to a Club/Society that has substantially improved across the following criteria, compared to the previous year(s) - demonstrating:

- progress towards the club/society's aims
- care towards administrative tasks
- a wider range of better organised activities that are appealing to its target group
- higher participation in its activities (relative to its target group)
- better designed publicity across a range of mediums
- development of fresh and innovative ideas and activities
- growth and maintenance of its membership
- consistent improvement

- more benefits for the club/society's constituents and official members
- and a positive contribution to student life

Section C – Individual Awards

13. Gold Awards

To be awarded to deserving individual members of clubs/societies' organising committees, who, regardless of the collective performance of their club/society, demonstrate:

- outstanding dedication to their club/society
- performance above and beyond what might normally be expected from a person in their position
- consistent hard work, and support for other committee members
- and a consistently positive attitude towards the club/society's committee and members

These awards include 5 **TUSA Purpose, Vision and Values Gold Awards**

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Section D – Major Awards

All nominees for Sections A and B will be automatically entered for the Major Awards as appropriate.

14. Achievement of the Year

To be awarded to a club/society (or clubs/societies) that have:

- overcome substantial hardship in order to be successful, and/or
- successfully developed a concept, event or initiative that was unique, massive and/or highly acclaimed

15. Best New Club/Society

To be awarded to a club/society that was first affiliated to the TUSA in the current year and demonstrates:

- strong progress towards the club/society's aims
- care towards administrative tasks
- a commitment to the future of the club/society
- a wide range of well organised activities that are appealing to its target group(s)
- high level participation in its activities (relative to its target group/s)
- well-designed publicity across a range of mediums

- development of fresh and innovative ideas and activities
- establishment of a solid membership base (relative to its target group)
- benefits for members
- and a positive contribution to student life

16. Club/Society of the Year (under 100 members)

To be awarded to a club/society, with less than 100 members, that can strongly demonstrate:

- achievement of the club/society's aims
- care towards administrative tasks
- a commitment to securing the future of the club/society
- a wide range of well organised activities that are appealing to its target group(s)
- high level participation in its activities (relative to its target group/s)
- well-designed publicity across a range of mediums
- development of fresh and innovative ideas and activities
- membership growth/maintenance (relative to its target group)
- benefits for members
- and a positive contribution to student life

17. Club/Society of the Year (over 100 members)

To be awarded to a club/society, with more than 100 members, that can strongly demonstrate:

- achievement of the club/society's aims
- care towards administrative tasks
- a commitment to securing the future of the club/society
- a wide range of well organised activities that are appealing to its target group(s)
- high level participation in its activities (relative to its target group/s)
- well-designed publicity across a range of mediums
- development of fresh and innovative ideas and activities
- membership growth/maintenance (relative to its target group)
- benefits for members
- and a positive contribution to student life