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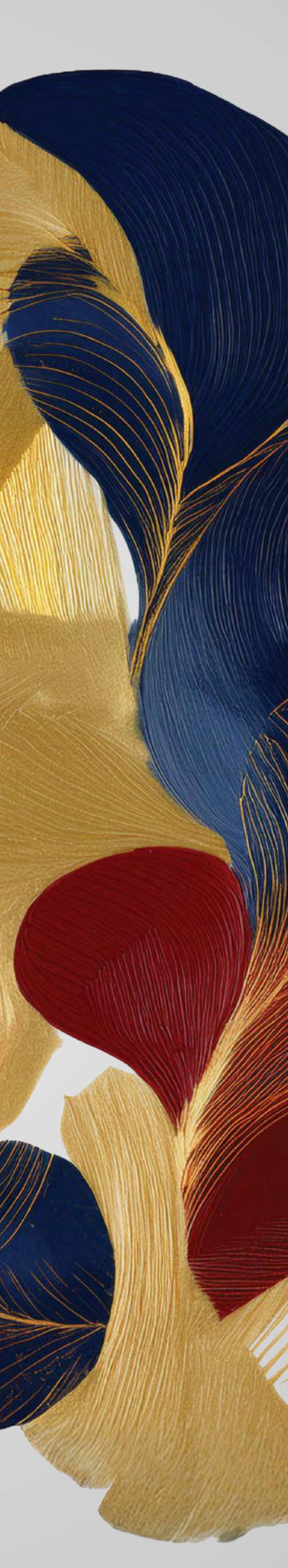
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Alumnae Awards

2026 Guidelines



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Celebrating Excellence. Inspiring Futures.

The Women's College Alumnae Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of our alumnae who embody the College's values of leadership, service, and community impact.

Since their inception in 2020, the Awards have highlighted the diverse accomplishments within our alumnae community, showcasing individuals who are making significant impacts locally and globally. These awards celebrate alumnae who are not only achieving personal success but also contributing to their communities and inspiring others.

Alumnae Award categories

Young Alumna Award

This award recognises a young alumna (35 years or younger) who has made notable contributions through their professional or voluntary achievements, demonstrating a meaningful impact on a local, national or international scale. As a role model, they have demonstrated leadership and impact in their field, making a positive difference in their community.

Community Alumna Award

This award honours an alumna who has shown exceptional dedication to community service. Contributions can include, but are not limited to:

- » Significant time and resources dedicated to charitable or community efforts
- » Successful development and execution of community support initiatives.

Inspirational Alumna Award

This award celebrates an alumna with a powerful personal story that reflects resilience and determination. Their journey may include:

- » Overcoming extraordinary challenges to pursue their dreams
- » Facing and overcoming significant obstacles to inspire others and achieve their goals
- » Providing life-changing support to others or making an impactful contribution to their community.

The Women's College Alumna of the Year Award

The pinnacle award, Alumna of the Year, recognises continuous and significant contributions across one or more areas:

- » Professional achievement: excelling in her career or as a leader in her field
- » Community leadership: through service or philanthropy
- » Inspirational leadership: through mentoring or creativity.

This recipient embodies the values of The Women's College, empowering others to lead lives of meaning and purpose. Through their lifelong pursuits, they uplift and inspire those around them.

Note: nominees will be considered for the category that best reflects the nature of their contribution.

How to Nominate

A nomination is submitted on behalf of the nominee, with the following information required:

1. A current professional resume of the Nominee.
2. A written statement (maximum 600 words) detailing why the nominee deserves to be recognised and how they meet the criteria for the award.
3. One written reference in support of the nomination. The reference letter should be written by someone familiar with the nominee's achievements and character.
4. Any supporting evidence: awards, media clippings, videos, etc.

Nominations can be received from any member of the community, including Women's College staff, Council Members, students and other alumnae. Self-nomination is permitted with justification.

Other nomination information and criteria

1. The nominee must have resided at The Women's College for a minimum of one academic year.
2. Members of the College Council or College Fellows who are alumnae are not eligible to be nominated.
3. The Nominee must be willing to be nominated and her assistance may be sought in compiling the nomination.
4. Awards will be made in four categories determined by the Awards Selection Committee: Young Alumna Award, Community Alumna Award, Inspirational Alumna Award and The Women's College Alumna of the Year Award. The Nominee cannot receive more than one award.
5. The Awards Selection Committee reserves the right to move applications into a different award category, based on the skills and experiences described in their application. The Selection Committee's decisions are final.
6. The Nominee must be available to attend The Women's College Alumnae Awards Dinner to receive the award, unless extenuating circumstances prevail.
7. Should Finalists be unable to attend the Dinner, they will be requested to make a short video statement to be shown at the presentation of the awards. The College will contact the Finalist who will be responsible for organising the video.
8. Nominees are invited to demonstrate a willingness to give back to The Women's College as part of their recognition. As a condition of the award, successful alumnae are required to make themselves available for promotional activities and guest speaker appearances at College events within the 12 months following the awards. This contribution ensures continued engagement with the College community and inspires future generations of women.
9. Nominees are asked to consent to the use of images in Women's College publications and promotional material.
10. Awards are honorary and non-monetary; recipients receive a commemorative trophy and formal recognition in College publications and digital media.
11. Information provided in nominations will be treated in confidence and used solely for the purposes of the Awards.

Selection process

The Awards Selection Committee is appointed by the College. The Selection Committee may include members of the College Council and distinguished alumnae. Decisions are based on merit, alignment with College values, and the overall impact of the nominee's contribution.

2026 timeline

- » Nominations open: 10:00am on Thursday 30 October 2025
- » Nominations close: 5:00pm on Thursday 22 January 2026
- » Judging of nominations: Thursday 5 February 2026
- » Finalists announced: Monday 23 February 2026
- » Winners announced: Thursday 12 March 2026 at the Academic Dinner & Alumnae Awards

Submit a nomination

Submit your nomination today and help us celebrate the exceptional women of The Women's College. [Click here](#) or visit womens.uq.edu.au/2026-alumnae-awards/

Further Information

For more information about the Awards, please contact the Director of Advancement at The Women's College.

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