

# UCOL Council Honours' and Alumni Awards Policy

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## Purpose

To adopt a system of honours that allows UCOL to recognise the contribution of members of the community, staff and alumni to the institution, community and general society. This policy describes the criteria and decision making processes for the conferral of the UCOL Council Honours' Awards and the UCOL Alumni Awards.

## Scope

The following awards are conferred by the UCOL Council:

- Honorary Fellow
- Honorary Associate
- Institutional Medal
- UCOL Alumni Achievement Award
- UCOL Alumni Service Award
- UCOL Young Alumni Award
- UCOL Special Alumni Award

## Awards Committee

The UCOL Council Honours' and Alumni Awards Sub-Committee is made up of the following members:

- Chair of Council or delegate
- Chief Executive
- 2 Council members

Note: For the UCOL Alumni Awards, a sub-committee made up of a member of the Office of the Chief Executive (OCE) group, and a representative from each faculty, will meet to undertake a first evaluation of the received nominations. Following this, nominations with recommendations, for each of the UCOL Alumni Awards will be presented to Council for endorsement.

## Process

Nominations are invited from Council members, the Chief Executive, UCOL staff and the wider community. The UCOL Council Honours' and Alumni Awards Sub-Committee will meet to consider nominations and make a recommendation to Council for the conferring of an Award(s) consistent with the criteria outlined below.

## **Criteria for Awards**

### **Honorary Fellow**

This award may be granted to an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding and noteworthy contribution to the well-being and benefit of society; UCOL; and or/in their field of endeavour.

The Fellowship is UCOL's highest honorary award and reserved for those individuals whose contribution goes well beyond the norm or what is expected of them by virtue of their occupation or profession.

### **Honorary Associate**

This award may be granted to an individual who has made a significant contribution, over and above normal duties, to UCOL or the wider community of which UCOL is a part.

Note the Fellowship and Associate Award are generally given to non-UCOL staff. Where a former UCOL Staff member is nominated the criteria should be applied to their contribution outside of their work at UCOL, otherwise an Institutional Medal may be better suited.

### **Institutional Medal**

This award may be granted to an individual who has been, and is no longer a permanent employee of UCOL, and has made a significant contribution to UCOL or their field of endeavour over and above normal duties.

### **UCOL Tupuna/Taonga Award**

This award provides for the inclusion of historic associations or living treasures. It is recognition of a special connection and lasting legacy.

### **UCOL Alumni Achievement Award**

This award may be granted for significant accomplishments by a UCOL alumni, in their business or professional life. Demonstrated by making a contribution to business/industry; stand out in their chosen profession; shows success in their occupation or chosen endeavours.

### **UCOL Alumni Service Award**

This award may be granted for specific and meritorious service by a UCOL alumni to the community or nation. Demonstrated by making an outstanding contributions to the community at large including assistance to disadvantaged groups or individuals; shows a demonstrated commitment to service through an interest in bettering the lives of others.

### **UCOL Young Alumni Award**

This award may be granted to an alumnus aged 35 or younger at time of nomination, for significant accomplishments in business or professional life or for service to the community or nation. Demonstrated by having dedicated time to work with the community/society or individuals; shows leadership skills and demonstrates forward planning for their current and future success.

## **UCOL Special Alumni Award**

This award may be granted as an overall winner from the three categories, and will be selected and awarded the UCOL Special Alumni Award. Demonstrated by significant and on-going contributions to business or professional life, as well as meritorious service to the community or nation; continued involvement or support to UCOL; excellent leadership skills, thought leadership; respected and recognised in their field of expertise.

## **UCOL Alumni leader/Kaiarataki Award**

This award may be granted for UCOL alumni that exemplify 'making a difference' and are inspirational for their roles in enhancing the lives of people in our community through health, social needs, sustainability growth etc.

## **Responsibility**

The Chief Executive is responsible for this policy and its implementation.

## **Policy Statements**

### ***Nominations:***

- Nominations may be made confidentially by staff, Office of the Chief Executive, Council members or members of the wider community.
- Those making a nomination must provide detailed information about the nominee to support the nomination (e.g. a resume or a detailed summary of the nominee's achievements and/or contribution). Nominations may be supported by referee's reports.
- Nominations, including any referee's reports, must be made without the nominee being informed of the nomination. This is to protect both the institution and the individual should the Sub-Committee not recommend an award.
- If the information provided is insufficient, UCOL may contact the person making the nomination for further information. The Sub-Committee may also consult with UCOL Management, the Chief Executive, in the case of Institutional Medal nominations, or the nominee's referee, if provided.
- The Sub-Committee may undertake such confidential verification of information and claims within nominations as it sees fit.
- Sub-Committee members are required to treat all nominations as confidential. If further information is required to support a nomination, it will be gathered discreetly.
- Self-nomination is not permitted for Council Honours Awards.
- Self-nomination is permitted for Alumni Awards
- The nominator is responsible for the content, quality and accuracy of the nomination.

### ***Successful Nominations:***

- Council will consider recommendations of the Awards Sub-Committee in the confidential session of a meeting;
- Successful nominees will be advised and indicate that they accept the award before it is announced publicly.

### ***Unsuccessful Nominations:***

- All information related to unsuccessful nominations will be destroyed after Council has confirmed the awards for the current round.
- Nominator (not nominee) to be advised of unsuccessful nomination via email.
- Generally no explanation for the nomination being unsuccessful will be given but the Sub-committee may, at its sole discretion, provide feedback to the nominator.

### ***Eligibility:***

- Awards are not generally made posthumously.
- Council, at its discretion, may confer more than one award or no awards in any calendar year.
- Council reserves the right to revoke an award in extenuating circumstances where an individual has brought disrepute to UCOL (such as criminal charges, fraud or other unlawful activities).
- All categories may not necessarily be awarded each year.

### **Related Documentation**

- [UCOL Council Honours' and Alumni Awards Procedure](#)