

TO: Deans, Directors and Department Heads
Please circulate as widely as possible to faculty, staff, and students

FROM: Svetlana Filiatreau, Chair
University Committee on International Affairs

SUBJECT: Three Alumni Awards for International Excellence

DATE: September 23, 2019

The University Committee on International Affairs invites nominations for three university-wide awards funded by the Alumni Association. Winners of Alumni Awards for International Excellence receive \$2000 and a plaque¹. There are three categories: **International Education**, **International Outreach**, and **International Research**. Please share this information with your faculty and staff and encourage nominations of worthy candidates.

The deadline for submission of nomination packages for these awards is **5 p.m. EST Monday, March 2, 2020**. Information outlining the application process and a list of previous winners can be found at the links below. The Alumni Awards are conferred during the Faculty Awards dinner in August 2020.

Achievements in international education, outreach, and research are distinct from each other. On occasion, candidates have been nominated for more than one of these awards in a given year. In such cases, separate nomination packages should be submitted responding to the unique requirements of each award.

Please see the following for eligibility criteria, nomination packet information, and previous award winners.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to consult:
http://www.provost.vt.edu/faculty_affairs/faculty_recognition/faculty_awards.html

Please send **complete nomination packages only, including all letters and support materials**, via email, campus mail, or hand delivery to:

Patricia S. Hughes
Tish50@vt.edu
Center for International Research, Education, and Development (CIRED)
526 Prices Fork Road, Suite 111 (0378)
Blacksburg, VA 24061
540-231-6338

On behalf of the University Committee on International Affairs, thank you for your time and effort in promoting these awards.

¹ Refer to the Employee Awards and Recognition Programs Policy 4335, Section 3.4, regarding taxation of awards.

ALUMNI AWARDS FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Nature of Awards

Three awards are sponsored by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association. Winners are selected by the University Committee on International Affairs. At the annual Faculty Staff Awards Ceremony. Each winner receives a suitable memento and \$2,000 provided by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association. There are three categories: **Education, Outreach, and Research.**

Nomination Requirements

- Tenure-track, administrative/professional faculty, instructors, and staff members are eligible.
- Any faculty or staff member or currently enrolled student may nominate an individual.
- Those offering nominations should submit a letter to the selection committee that describes the contributions of their nominee in relation to the selection criteria.

Nominations **must** include the following information:

1. A letter of nomination that includes a description of the nominee's contributions to international education while at Virginia Tech. **The letter should be provided by the person nominating.**
2. Two additional letters of support. **The person nominating, in consultation with the nominee, should arrange for the two additional letters to be sent.**
3. A copy of the nominee's *Curriculum Vitae*. **A current CV should be supplied by the nominee.**

Additional documentation exemplifying the nominee's international contributions may be included.

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ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

This award recognizes contributions by faculty and staff members who have had an impact on international education at Virginia Tech. The honor recognizes individuals whose efforts have resulted in thoughtful approaches to international education including:

- Service to the community
- Global education
- Services to international students and scholars
- Course development
- Program development
- External partnerships, awards, and recognitions

Criteria

The selection committee will consider:

1. Contributions to the internationalization of Virginia Tech
2. The impact on students
3. The impact on the campus and community
4. The significance of the initiative
5. The sustainability of the initiative

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ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

This award recognizes contributions by faculty and staff members who have demonstrated an impact on international outreach at Virginia Tech. The honor accords recognition to individuals whose outreach efforts extend to communities or countries outside the United States in areas that may include:

- Global outreach to regions, countries, communities, public, private, and non-government organizations
- Sponsored projects
- Innovation in international outreach

Criteria

The selection committee will consider candidates':

1. Contributions to the internationalization of Virginia Tech
2. Significance or impact
3. Sustainability of outreach activities

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ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

This award recognizes faculty and staff members who have made significant contributions in international research at Virginia Tech. The honor recognizes individuals whose research and scholarship extend beyond the United States, thereby enhancing Virginia Tech's reputation internationally, in areas that may include:

- International scholarship
- Global research involving regions, countries, communities, public, private, and non-government organizations.
- Sponsored projects
- Innovation in international research

Criteria

The selection committee will consider candidates':

1. Contribution to Virginia Tech's international reputation
2. Research significance or impact within the discipline
3. Research significance or impact outside the discipline

The nomination packet should include evidence of some or all of the above forms of exemplary activity.

Previous award recipients:

Alumni Award for Excellence in International Education

2019 Yannis Stivachtis	2007 James Littlefield
2018 David Brinberg	2006 Rodney Thompson
2017 Nyusya Milman-Miller	2005 David Kingston, Victoria Fu
2016 Lori Blanc	2004 Joseph Scarpaci
2015 Lance Matheson	2003 James Marchman III
2014 Trudy Harrington Becker, Andrew Becker	2002 Josiah Tlou
2013 Glenn Bugh	2001 George Norton
2012 Patricia Kelly	2000 Gene Egger
2011 Sedki Riad	1999 John Ballweg
2010 Tom Hammett	1998 P. Huang
2009 Jan Helge Bohn	1997 J. Caldwell
2008 Devi Gnyawali	

Alumni Award for Excellence in International Outreach

2019 Phillip Sponenberg
2018 Roop Mahajan
2017 Ozzie Abaye
2016 Jianfeng Zheng
2015 Jan Helge Bohn
2014 LuAnn Gaskill
2013 Kathleen Alexander
2012 Akshay Sharma
2011 Charles Taylor
2010 John Burton
2009 David Alexander
2008 Glenda Snyder

Alumni Award for Excellence in International Research

2019 Sudipta Sarangi
2018 Toni Calasanti
2017 Marcella Kelly
2016 Rolf Müller
2015 Kathleen Alexander
2012 Michael Saffle
2011 Richard Wokutch
2010 Mary Marchant
2009 Sue Tolin
2008 John Browder

Prior to 2008, a single award was given for excellence in international outreach and research:

2007 Thomas Ollendick
2006 Jeff Alwang

A list of all award recipients can be found at:

http://www.provost.vt.edu/faculty_affairs/faculty_recognition/faculty_awards.html