

ALUMNI AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE-INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

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

FROM: Tom Archibald, Vice Chair
University Committee on International Affairs

SUBJECT: Three Alumni Awards for International Excellence

DATE: November 8, 2023

The University Committee on International Affairs invites nominations for three (3) 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 candidates.

The deadline for submission of nomination packages for these awards is 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Information outlining the application process and a list of previous winners can be found at the links below.

The Alumni Awards are typically conferred during the Faculty/Staff Awards ceremony.

Achievements in international education, international outreach, and international 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. The selection committee reserves the right to consider candidates in categories other than the ones for which they were nominated.

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

Prospective applicants are encouraged to consult:
<https://www.outreach.vt.edu/about/awards-recognition.html>

Application packages must be submitted by **4 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, 2024** either as a single PDF document emailed to rhodesk@vt.edu, or delivered in hard copy to:

Alumni Awards for International Excellence Selection Committee
Kimberly Rhodes
Campus Mail (0265)
Gateway Center 902 Prices Fork Road, Suite 120
Blacksburg, VA 24061

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.

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Nature of Awards

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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. **The nomination packet must be no longer than 15 pages, including letters and supplemental documentation. The person nominating, in consultation with the nominee, should arrange for such documentation to be forwarded.**

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.

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Alumni Award for Excellence in International Education

2023	Nadine Sinno	2013	Glenn Bugh
2022	Timothy Baird	2012	Patricia Kelly
2021	Jeffrey Alwang	2011	Sedki Riad
2020	David Knight	2010	Tom Hammett
2019	Yannis Stivachtis	2009	Jan Helge Bøhn
2018	David Brinberg	2008	Devi Gnyawali
2017	Nyusya Milman-Miller	2007	James Littlefield
2016	Lori Blanc	2006	Rodney Thompson
2015	Lance Matheson	2005	Victoria Fu
2014	Trudy Harrington Becker, Andrew Becker	2004	Joseph Scarpaci

Alumni Award for Excellence in International Outreach

2023	Francisco Carvallo	2015	Jan Helge Bøhn
2022	Kevin Kochersberger	2014	LuAnn Gaskill
2021	Thomas Archibald	2013	Kathleen Alexander
2020	Thomas Thompson	2012	Akshay Sharma
2019	Phillip Sponenberg	2011	Charles Taylor
2018	Roop Mahajan	2010	John Burton
2017	Ozzie Abaye	2009	David Alexander
2016	Jianfeng Zheng	2008	Glenda Snyder

Alumni Award for Excellence in International Research

2023	James Hawdon	2015	Kathleen Alexander
2022	Juan Luis Nicolau	2014	Nancy McGehee
2021	Carol Mullen	2013	Russell Green
2020	Ignacio Moore	2012	Michael Saffle
2019	Sudipta Sarangi	2011	Richard Wokutch
2018	Toni Calasanti	2010	Mary Marchant
2017	Marcella Kelly	2009	Sue Tolin
2016	Rolf Müller	2008	John Browder

From 2005-2008, a single award was given for Excellence in International Outreach and Research:

2007	Thomas Ollendick
2006	Jeff Alwang
2005	David Kingston

From 1997-2003, one award was given for Excellence in International Programs

2003	James Marchman III
2002	Josiah S. Tlou
2001	George W. Norton
2000	Dayton E. "Gene" Egger
1999	John Ballweg
1998	P. Huang
1997	J. Caldwell

A list of all award recipients can be found at:

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