



## Australian Alumni Association of Cambodia

### 2018 Australian Alumni Awards

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Education is an important part of Australia and Cambodia's bilateral relationship. Many Cambodians have graduated from Australian education institutions; have gone on to hold positions of influence; have made significant contributions to Cambodia's development; and have helped build strong people-to-people links between Australia and Cambodia.

Since 2014, the Australian Alumni Association of Cambodia (AAA-C) has recognised and celebrated the achievements of outstanding Cambodian graduates from Australia ('Australian Alumni').

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Australian Alumni Awards in the following categories:

#### (1) Australian Alumnus of the Year Award

This award recognises the outstanding achievements of an Australian Alumnus who has made a significant contribution to their professional field. This award recognises the leadership role the Australian Alumnus has undertaken to effect positive change and to support Cambodia's development in their respective sector or fields of expertise.

#### (2) Community Leadership Award

This award recognises the contributions of an Australian Alumnus who is making a positive difference to people at the community level, whether it be the alumnus' local community or Cambodian society, more broadly. This award recognises the importance of Australian Alumni engaging in activities, including volunteering and philanthropy to improve the lives of Cambodians.

#### (3) Young Leadership Award

This award recognises the outstanding achievement of a young Australian Alumnus (under 35 years of age at the time of nomination) who has demonstrated success in their chosen field, including but not limited to professional, academic, business or community. The broad scope of this award is intended to commensurate with the shorter career span of young Australian Alumni.

#### Eligibility

To be considered for any of the three award categories, a nominee must:

- (a) be a Cambodian citizen living in Cambodia; and
- (b) hold a postsecondary or postgraduate qualification (i.e. Graduate Certificate, Diploma, Bachelors, Masters or PhD) from a recognised Australian education provider; and
- (c) have undertaken their studies in Australia.

Current AAA-C board members; AAA-C secretariat; Australian Alumni involved in the management of Australia Awards; and Australian Alumni employed by the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh are not eligible to be nominated for an award.

#### Nominations

Nominations of Australian Alumni for any of the three award categories can be made by: **Australian Alumni** (Cambodians who hold a post-secondary qualification from a recognised Australian education provider); recognised **Australian education providers** offering postsecondary and postgraduate qualifications; and **members of the public**. Self-nomination is not permitted.



## Nomination submission

Nominations open on **Thursday, 1 February 2018**.

Nominations close on **Wednesday, 28 February 2018**.

Nominations must be submitted via this online form: <https://goo.gl/forms/NUFSXOkIVrBlIfq32>

## Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for the three award categories are as follow:

### Australian Alumnus of the Year Award

- distinguished themselves and contributed significantly to their professional field;
- demonstrated leadership skills and is in a position to continue to effect positive change; and
- demonstrated commitment to Cambodia's development.

### Community Leadership Award

- made a positive difference to people at the community level, whether it be the Australian Alumni's local community or Cambodian society, more broadly;
- demonstrated leadership skills;
- demonstrated commitment to improve the lives of Cambodians; and
- is committed to furthering the objectives of the AAA-C.

### Young Leadership Award

- under 35 years of age at the time of nomination;
- demonstrated success in Australian Alumni's field, including but not limited to professional, academic, business or community; and
- demonstrated leadership qualities.

## Selection Process

After the nomination closing date, all nominations will be considered by the Australian Alumni Awards Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will comprise of:

- (i) Representative from the AAA-C Board;
- (ii) Representative from the Australian Embassy Phnom Penh; and
- (iii) Independent committee member with experience in education and alumni engagement

All nominations will be assessed against the abovementioned selection criteria. The decision of the Selection Committee is final. The Selection Panel reserves the right not to make an award should it determine there is an insufficient pool of nominations or the nominations do not adequately meet the selection criteria.

The deliberations of the Selection Committee will be held in the strictest confidence. This means that the names of nominees and nominators will not be publicly released. Only successful nominees will be advised of the outcome.

## Award Presentation

The three Australian Alumni Awards will be presented at the Australian Networking Reception scheduled for 14 March 2018.

The AAA-C Secretariat will contact successful nominees in advance of the Australian Networking Reception to advise nominees of the outcome and to confirm their acceptance of the award.