



Australia Awards

2026 Alumni Awards Inspiring the Future



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Recognise Papua New Guinea's outstanding alumni today!



In partnership with the Australian High Commission in PNG, the theme for this year's Alumni Awards is **"PNG-Australia Alumni: Inspiring the Future"** which sets the focus on the development contribution by Australia Awards alumni of PNG into the next 50 years of nation building. The PNG-Australia Alumni Awards recognise and honor outstanding alumni of any Australian education program who studied either in Australia or in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and have or continue to make outstanding contributions to their profession, community and country.

Award winners will receive:

- K5,000 towards professional development activities
- recognition of achievements
- enhanced professional profile and
- valuable networking opportunities that arise from receiving such recognition.

Successful recipients of the Alumni Awards serve as inspiring role models for prospective Papua New Guinean students considering an Australia Awards scholarship.

Award categories

Eligible alumni can be nominated for any of the following award categories:

1. Alumni of the Year
2. Innovation and Entrepreneurship Award
3. Woman in Leadership Award
4. Community Impact and Service Award
5. PNG-Australia Partnership Award
6. Public Service Excellence and Innovation Award
7. Young Alumni of the Year Award

Nominees are judged on their individual work or as part of a group or organisation.

Nominate via link: <https://smr.to/p112042>
Nominations close on: **Sunday 18 October 2026**

For more information
Email: alumni@australiaawardspng.org





Alumni of the Year

Demonstrates outstanding leadership and achievement in their field, contributing to national, sectoral or community development. They embody the values and impact of Australia Awards and serve as a role model for other alumni.



Young Alumni of the Year Award

Shows strong leadership potential and initiative early in their career, making meaningful contributions to their workplace, community, or sector. Has demonstrated innovation, commitment, and positive influence and is actively applying knowledge and skills gained through their study experience.



Community Impact and Service Award

Has made a practical and measurable contribution to improving community wellbeing; or supporting vulnerable, rural and underserved groups. Demonstrates commitment to service, compassion and inclusive development through outreach, advocacy, frontline delivery and community-led initiatives.



Papua New Guinea – Australia Partnership Award

Has strengthened the relationship between Papua New Guinea and Australia through professional, community, academic, or development work. Promotes collaboration, mutual understanding, and shared development priorities, which contributes to lasting partnerships or networks between PNG and Australia.



Public Service Excellence and Innovation Award

Has contributed to improved public service delivery, policy, governance, or institutional strengthening. Demonstrates innovation, integrity, and professionalism in public service, introducing practical improvements, systems or reforms that improve outcomes for citizens and/or communities.



Woman in Leadership Award

Demonstrates leadership that advances gender equality, inclusion, or women's empowerment or is a leader creating positive change in their workplace, sector, or community. Serves as a role model or mentor for women and girls and promotes inclusive and ethical leadership.



Innovation and Entrepreneurship Award

Has developed or implemented new ideas, solutions, services, businesses, or initiatives. Demonstrates creativity, problem-solving, and sustainability that contributes to economic, social, or community development and shows potential for growth, replication, or long-term impact.

