The CISA National Conference Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions of international student individuals and organisations. It is about recognising those people in the community whose service and contributions have made a great impact on international education ranging from local, state or even national level.

The awards are divided into two categories which are the organisational and the individual awards.


"The Conference Awards showcase the value of being an international student."
CISA National Conference Awards

CISA is pleased to witness international students whom make significant achievements and contributions to the international students community every year, whether in individuals or as organisations. The sector would like to award and recognize the passion and hard work of these outstanding individuals and organisations through the following categories:

**Organisation Awards**

- International Student Association of the Year
- Best International Student Event of the Year
- Most Active International Student Association of the Year

**Individual Awards**

- Postgraduate International Student of the Year
- Undergraduate International Student of the Year
- VET/TAFE/ELICOS International Student of the Year

**Eligibility Criteria for the Nomination**

**Organisation Awards**

- Organisation must be the representative of international students.
- Nominations are to be made by the education institution. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Two referees who agree to be contacted to provide further information on the nominations must be included.

**Individual Awards**

- Must be an international student (non-Australian/ PR) and holds a valid visa for study in Australia.
- Educational status must be the same as the category that one is applying for.
- Currently studying or completed a course within the last 6 month.
- Nominations are to be made by the education institution. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Two referees who agree to be contacted to provide further information on the nominations must be included.
**Nominations**

Nominating a candidate for the awards provides an opportunity to reward and encourage an individual international student or a team that is dedicated towards promoting a more vibrant and diverse multicultural community in Australia. CISA is proud to present these awards to recognise their dedication and contributions to the international student body.

Aside from the honour of being nominated, the process of preparing a nomination often provides valuable character references that the nominee can use in the future.

In addition to the prestige of receiving an award, winners, finalists and their organisations are often able to receive media attention within their local communities, which helps to build their professional reputation.

**Presentation Ceremony**

The winners will be announced at 2016 CISA Conference held in Darwin. All finalists will receive a certificate. However, only the winners in each category will receive a certificate and plaque.

**Key Dates**

- **Tuesday 10 May**  Call for nominations
- **Sunday 5 June**  Nominations close
- **Monday 6 June**  Nominations assessed by Selection Panel
- **Wednesday 16 June**  Announcement of the Finalists
- **Friday 8 July**  Award ceremony at CISA Conference Gala Dinner
Organisation Awards

International Student Association of the Year
This award is presented to the institution that helped to advocate CISA’s key objectives and take care of the general welfare of international students in the past year.

Selection Criteria
• Demonstrate strong advocacy work for international student community within their institution or constituency
• Enhance international students’ experiences in Australia and support international students’ welfare
• Opportunities or activities that advocate international students’ welfare, including legal and immigration services as well as others
• Facilitate connections and new pathways for community participation among international students
• CISA Facebook Voting

Best International Student Event of the Year
This award is presented to an International Student Association with an event that has impacted the international students community positively and created great interactions with the local community.

Selection Criteria
• Empower and enhance international students’ experiences in Australia
• Involvement of international students and outcomes of the event
• Engagement between parties, including local community
• CISA Facebook Voting

Most Active International Student Association
This award is presented to an International Students Association which has actively engaged with parties in being proactive to provide avenues for international students.

• Actively engage and strengthen the relationships with stakeholders, associations and members
• Enhance international students’ experiences in Australia
• CISA Facebook Voting
Individual Awards

This award is presented to a distinguished International student who has contributed to the international students community and been an role model to his/her peers.

The award will be presented in three categories:

• Postgraduate International Student of the Year
• Undergraduate International Student of the Year
• VET/ ELICOS International Student of the Year

Selection Criteria

• The nominee should possess personal attributes that would inspire his/her peers.
• Should demonstrate an achievement or contribution that adds value to the international students community through:
  ▪ Leadership Role
  ▪ Events and Activities
  ▪ Advocate in the community
• High Academic Performance
• CISA Facebook Voting
Additional Information

Terms & Condition

1. Application must be completed prior to submission. Any incomplete submission received upon the closing of nominations will not be considered;
2. Nominations must strictly adhere to the word limit within each portion; any excess words will be not be considered as part of the application.
3. Upon submission, CISA Awards Committee reserves the right to use any photos and/or videos provided to be uploaded to CISA Facebook page for voting purposes.
4. No nominations/applications received after the deadline will be taken into consideration.
5. CISA reserves the right and final decision on deciding winners of the award.

Contact information

Should you have any enquires, please do not hesitate to contact:

Difie Boakye-Mensah
National Welfare Officer

On Behalf of the Award Committee
Email: award@cisa.edu.au
Mobile: +61 470 230 161
2016 Conference Organisation Awards Application Form

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A Brief introduction of your organisation  

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A brief introduction of yourself
(Include any photos or videos if necessary)  (150 words)
How have you played a role in international students community? (300 words)

Past Achievements (Year, Award Title, Organisation)
**Nomination**

 DETAILS OF REFEREES WHO ARE ABLE TO MAKE DIRECT COMMENT ON THE CONTRIBUTION/SERVICE OF THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING.

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Declaration

☐ I have read and accept the terms and conditions stated in the prospectus

☐ I have included the application form and nomination form for submission and the information inside is relevant and accurate.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Please return the application form and nomination form to our National Welfare Officer, Difie Boakye-Mensah at award@cisa.edu.au before Sunday 5 June 2016, on behalf of the award committee.

Thank you for supporting the 6th CISA Conference, we greatly appreciate your support as working towards a Unified International Student Voice.