

UQ Entrepreneurship and Innovation Awards 2023

The UQ Entrepreneurship and Innovation Awards will showcase and celebrate the breadth of UQ entrepreneurship – from student entrepreneurs to research-based Startups that offer solutions to local and global challenges and create positive change. The Awards will celebrate the great success stories of entrepreneurship across the university.

2023 Entrepreneurship and Innovation Awards Categories:

- Startup of the Year
- Student Entrepreneur of the Year
- Mentor of the Year
- Social Enterprise of the Year

2023 Entrepreneurship and Innovation Awards Timeline (TBC):

- June: Nominations open
- 31 July: Nominations close – we need to exchange that.
- Shortlisting finalised – 11 August
- 18 August: Judging finalised
- 21st August: Award ceremony

Terms and Conditions

- 1 By entering this promotion, you accept these Terms and Conditions.
- 2 Instructions and information on how to enter this promotion form part of these Terms and Conditions.
- 3 The promoter is The University of Queensland (ABN 63 942 912 684) of St Lucia, Queensland, 4072 ("**Promoter**").

Eligible entrants

- 4 Eligibility criteria across all awards are:
 - (a) This promotion is open to current students, staff or Alumni of The University of Queensland
 - (b) Each nominee must be over 18 years of age.
 - (c) All nominations must be received by the submission date.
 - (d) A recipient cannot win more than one award category in any calendar year and cannot win the same award category more than once.
 - (e) Awards will not be awarded posthumously.
 - (f) Joint nominations will not be accepted.
 - (g) Self-nominations will be accepted.
 - (h) Current members of University Senior Leadership Group (USLG), UQ Senate or UniQuest executive are not eligible to be nominated in any award category.
 - (i) Additional nomination criteria specific to each of the three awards appear below.
- 5 The Promoter may decline to accept any entry which, in its reasonable opinion, does not comply with these Terms and Conditions.

Award Specific Eligibility

5. Startup of the Year

This award recognises the exceptional Startups which have been developed through UQ

5.1. Nomination criteria

5.1.1. The entrants may be one person or a team, but all persons nominated must be part of the management or ownership of the Startup business. At least one member of the founding team (founder or a cofounder of the Startup business) must be an Alumni, current student or staff member of The University of Queensland.

5.1.2. Only one nomination is allowed per Startup business.

5.1.3. Startups must be currently trading, founded within the 5 years before the date the nominations open.

6. Student Entrepreneur of the Year

Recognises current UQ students (or most recent graduates) who have developed innovative entrepreneurial ventures while at UQ.

6.1. Nomination Criteria

6.1.1. Open only to current students at UQ, or those who graduated in 2022

6.1.2. Open to Undergraduate, Post Graduate and research students.

6.1.3. Student must have founded a business, social enterprise or non-profit venture while enrolled at UQ.

6.1.4. The venture must still be in operation at the time of nomination.

6.1.5. Current and former UQ Chief Student Entrepreneurs are ineligible for this award.

7. Mentor of the Year

Recognises the exceptional value and support which mentors provide to students and UQ entrepreneurial activities.

7.1. Nomination Criteria

7.1.1. The person nominated must have mentored, judged or supported an entrepreneurial program at UQ within 2022 or 2023.

8. Social Enterprise of the Year

Recognises the exceptional impact which social enterprises have made whilst at UQ.

8.1. Nomination Criteria

8.1.1. Open only to current students at UQ, or those who graduated in 2022

8.1.2. Open to undergraduate, post graduate and research students.

8.1.3. Student must have founded a business, social enterprise or non-profit venture while enrolled at UQ.

8.1.4. The venture must still be in operation at the time of nomination.

8.1.5. Current and former UQ Chief Student Entrepreneurs are ineligible for this award.

How to enter

- 6 Nominations open on 12th June 2023 and will close on 31st July 2023 ("Entry Period"). Entries received outside the Entry Period will not be accepted.
- 7 Nominations will be accepted only through the online platform
- 8 Each nomination must include:
 - (a) A written statement (maximum 1000 words) detailing why the nominee deserves to be recognised and how they meet the criteria for the award.
 - (b) A minimum of two written references in support of this nomination. External referees who are leaders in their profession will be highly regarded.
 - (c) Nominations may also include supporting evidence such as awards, media clippings, electronic media, etc (maximum of three attachments). (Optional)
- 9 Incomplete nominations, or those received after the closing date, will not be accepted.
- 10 Nominations can be made on behalf of others, or self-nomination.
- 11 In the case of nominations on behalf of others, the Promoter will inform the nominee following the closure date that they have been nominated.
- 12 Nominators will be responsible for updating additional information.
- 13 The University reserves the right to disclose the identity of the nominator to the nominee. Anyone nominating on behalf of another person warrants that they have the consent of the person they nominate to do so and to disclose any personal information.
- 14 Personal information submitted to the University by the nominator or nominee, in connection with the awards, will be given to the selection panel for the purpose of judging the awards and will be stored in the University's alumni database, Raisers Edge.

Judging

- 15 This promotion is a game of skill. Chance plays no part in determining the winners.
- 16 Judging will take place as follows:
 - (a) First, if more than 5 nominations have been received for an award, UQ Ventures senior staff will undertake a shortlisting process of all eligible entrants. This shortlisting will select 5 nominees per category for progression to the judging.
 - (b) All shortlisted nominees and nominees where there are fewer than 5 nominations will be notified and asked to attend the awards event to present their pitch.
 - (c) Second, shortlisted nominees and nominees where there are fewer than 5 nominations be judged by the judging panel.
 - (d) The judging panel consists of representatives chosen by the Promoter incorporating:
 - (i) One from UQ Ventures,

- (ii) One from UQ Advancement, and
 - (iii) The Academic in Residence or any other academic from the business school
- 17 The judges will judge all valid entries individually on their merits, for both the shortlisting and the final selection, including using the criteria set out below. The judges will choose winners who best meet the Judging Criteria in their view.

18. Judging Criteria

18.1 Startup of the Year

- (a) Proof of traction – Demonstrated growth through revenue and staff numbers and/or funding attracted
- (b) Impact on focus area – Demonstrated impact in the Startups target area or social/environmental impact.
- (c) Innovative offering – unique offering utilising new technology or approaches.
- (d) Engagement with UQ – to what extent has the Startup utilised UQ resources, students, research or other insights or opportunities facilitated at UQ.

18.2 Student Entrepreneur of the Year

- (a) Proof of traction – Demonstrated growth through revenue and staff numbers and/or funding attracted
- (b) Impact on focus area – Demonstrated impact in the Startups target area or social/environmental impact.
- (c) Innovative offering – unique offering utilising new technology or approaches.
- (d) Engagement with UQ – to what extent has the Startup utilised UQ resources, students, research or other insights or opportunities facilitated at UQ.

18.3 Mentor of the Year

- (a) Imparted guidance and expertise in encouraging and critiquing student participants.
- (b) Instilled a strong sense of support and solidarity to the student participants.
- (c) Gave considered, professional and effective advice.
- (d) Demonstrated a willingness to exceed the expectations of the student participants.

18.4 Social Enterprise of the Year

- (a) Impact on focus area – Demonstrated social/environmental impact.
- (b) Size and reach of impact
- (c) Innovative offering – unique offering utilising new technology or approaches.
- (d) Engagement with UQ – to what extent has the Startup utilised UQ resources, students, research or other insights or opportunities facilitated at UQ.

- 18.5 The selection panel's decision is final on all matters relating to the nomination process and the selection of award recipients; no correspondence will be entered into.
- 18.6 The selection panel reserves the right not to allocate an award in one of the categories if, in their opinion, there are no entries of sufficient merit.

Prize and notification of winners

- 19 A cash prize of \$1000 will be provided to the winner in each individual category.
- 20 The Promoter will announce the winners at the Awards Ceremony. Each shortlisted nominee must be present at the time of the announcement, failing which, that winner will forfeit the prize and the prize may be awarded to the next best entry (as determined by the judges).
- 21 Recipients will receive recognition of their award, profiling within UQ media channels, and individual profiles on the UQ Ventures website.

Withdrawal from promotion

- 22 You may withdraw from the promotion at any time before notification of the winners by notifying the Promoter on (07) 3343 2740 or email ventures@uq.edu.au. If you withdraw from the promotion, the Promoter will remove your nomination and will not use your details or entry for media or promotional purposes. If you withdraw from the promotion, you will no longer be eligible to win a prize.

Miscellaneous

- 23 Entries which, in the opinion of the Promoter, are incomplete, incorrect or incomprehensible, contain defamatory or offensive content or infringe intellectual property rights are not eligible to win and may be removed from the promotion and the relevant entrant will be disqualified.
- 24 The Promoter may, in its absolute discretion, disqualify you if, in the opinion of the Promoter, you breach these Terms and Conditions, engage in dishonest or unethical conduct in relation to the promotion, manipulate, tamper or interfere with the conduct of the promotion, do not comply with the entry process, or conspire with others to gain an unfair advantage. The Promoter may audit you if it suspects you of having engaged in such breach or conduct.
- 25 The Promoter may request information from you relevant to entry or participation in the promotion, such as proof of age. The Promoter may, in its absolute discretion, disqualify you if you provide insufficient information, false information or fail to provide information.
- 26 The Promoter is not responsible for any late, lost or misdirected entries.
- 27 The Promoter is not responsible for any delays, problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer systems, computer equipment or software, technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to your or any other person's computer related to or resulting from entering this promotion. If such problems arise, then the Promoter may modify, cancel, terminate or suspend the promotion.
- 28 To the extent permitted by law, the Promoter is not liable for any loss, damage or injury whatsoever (including, but not limited to, indirect or consequential loss) resulting from this promotion, including the taking of prizes.
- 29 If, for any reason, this promotion is not capable of running as planned, including war, terrorism, state of emergency or disaster, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of the Promoter which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper

conduct of this promotion, the Promoter reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the promotion.

- 30 All costs associated with nomination are your responsibility.
- 31 You understand and agree that the Promoter may collect personal information from you when you enter the promotion, and use it for the purpose of running the promotion (which may include disclosure to third parties for the purpose of processing and conducting the promotion), for promotional purposes surrounding this promotion, as well as other purposes, as set out in the Promoter's Privacy Policy (located at <https://ppl.app.uq.edu.au/content/1.60.02-privacy-management>). For further information on how the Promoter deals with your personal information, please refer to the Promoter's Privacy Policy.