**2022 Alumnus of **

2023 Alumnus of the Year & 2023 Outstanding Alumnus in Health & Wellbeing, Jennie Waters, and   
 2023 Young Alumnus   
 of the Year,   
 Simon Playford



2023 Alumnus of the Year Nomination Pack

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 **2023 Alumnus of the Year Nomination**   
  
**Please check all nomination details are correct before submitting this form to** [**alumni@usq.edu.au**](mailto:alumni@usq.edu.au) **with supporting documentation before midnight (AEST) Friday 16 June 2023.**

Award Categories

Nominees are judged on their demonstrated success in professional, research, academic, leadership, management, community service, volunteer, humanitarian, and or entrepreneurship endeavours.

**Outstanding Alumnus in Business and Enterprise**

This award is presented to an alumnus who, at the time of submission of their nomination, has distinguished themselves through professional, academic and/or community service.

**Outstanding Alumnus in Creative Industries and Humanities**

This award is presented to an alumnus who, at the time of submission of their nomination, has distinguished themselves through professional, academic and/or community service.

**Outstanding Alumnus in Education**

This award is presented to an alumnus who, at the time of submission of their nomination, has distinguished themselves through professional, academic and/or community service.

**Outstanding Alumnus in Health and wellbeing**

This award is presented to an alumnus who, at the time of submission of their nomination, has distinguished themselves through professional, academic and/or community service.

**Outstanding Alumnus in Law and Justice**

This award is presented to an alumnus who, at the time of submission of their nomination, has distinguished themselves through professional, academic and/or community service.

**Outstanding Alumnus in Science and Engineering**

This award is presented to an alumnus who, at the time of submission of their nomination, has distinguished themselves through professional, academic and/or community service.

**Young Alumnus of the Year**

This award is presented to an alumnus whose age at nomination is 35 years or less, who has distinguished themselves through early professional, academic and/or community service achievement and success.

**International Alumnus of the Year**

This award is presented to an alumnus who, at the time of submission of their nomination, lives or works outside of Australia, and has distinguished themselves through professional, academic and/or community service.

**Alumni Award for Excellence in Research**

This award is presented to an alumnus, who at the time of submission of their nomination, has distinguished themselves through their research.   
This category is also open to UniSQ staff who are alumni of the University.  
 **Alumni Community Service Award**This award is presented to an alumnus, who at the time of submission of their nomination, has distinguished themselves through their community service.   
This category is also open to UniSQ staff who are alumni of the University.

**Alumnus of the Year Awards**

The University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ) Alumnus of the Year Awards formally recognise our alumni for their achievements, both professional and personal. Award categories range from professional excellence in a particular field, serving the community, overcoming significant personal adversity, to research.

The University is proud of its graduates and enjoys celebrating their successes.   
  
If you know of a University of Southern Queensland alumnus who is doing amazing things in their career, make sure you nominate them for the Alumnus of the Year Awards, and help us keep this tradition alive.

**Nomination Guidelines**

1. The Nominee must hold an awarded degree/diploma/graduate certificate from the

University of Southern Queensland or its predecessors - Queensland Institute of

Technology- Darling Downs (QIT-DD), Darling Downs Institute of Advanced

Education (DDIAE), or University College of Southern Queensland (UCSQ).

2. Nominations for awards may be submitted by anyone; however, self-nomination will not be accepted.

3. Written permission must be obtained from the Nominee, prior to submitting a nomination.

4. Current University of Southern Queensland staff are ineligible for nomination, except for the award categories, Alumni Award for Excellence in Research, and Alumni Community Service Award.

5. Nominees need not be employed in their trained discipline.

6. Nominees for the Young Alumnus of the Year must be 35 years of age or under, at the closing date for nominations, midnight (AEST) Friday 16 June 2023.

**Definitions**

**Alumnus:** An individual who has graduated from an award academic program at the University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ/USQ), or its predecessor institutions ((Queensland Institute of Technology - Darling Downs (QIT-DD), Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education (DDIAE), or University College of Southern Queensland (UCSQ)), as a domestic or international undergraduate and/or postgraduate student.

**Nominator:** The person who nominates another person for an Alumnus of the Year Award   
  
**Nominee:** The person being nominated for an Alumnus of the Year Award.

**Year of graduation:** The year noted on the degree certificate/testamur received upon graduating.  
  
**Important dates**

**Nominations open** Wednesday 1 March 2023  
**Nominations close** Midnight (EAST) 16 June 2023   
  
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**1. Select a Nomination Category/Categories:**

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| Check a single box, or multiple boxes if you are nominating for more than one award category | Award Categories |
|  | Outstanding Alumnus in Business & Enterprise |
|  | Outstanding Alumnus in Creative Industries & Humanities |
|  | Outstanding Alumnus in Education |
|  | Outstanding Alumnus in Health & Wellbeing |
|  | Outstanding Alumnus in Law & Justice |
|  | Outstanding Alumnus in Science & Engineering |
|  | Young Alumnus of the Year  (Must be under 35 years of age) |
|  | International Alumnus of the Year  (Must live or work outside Australia) |
|  | Alumni Award for Excellence in Research (This category is also open to UniSQ staff who are alumni of the University) |
|  | Alumni Community Service Award  (This category is also open to UniSQ staff who are alumni of the University) |

**2. Provide Nominee Information:**

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| Award Nominee | Please complete all fields |
| Nominee’s Full Name (first, middle, surname) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Email Address | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Mobile Phone | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Mailing Address | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| University of Southern Queensland qualification + year graduated | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| University of Southern Queensland qualification + year graduated | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| University of Southern Queensland qualification + year graduated | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Current Position | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Current Organisation | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**3. Provide Nominator Information:**

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| Award Nominator | Please complete all fields |
| Nominator’s Full Name (first, middle, surname) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Email Address | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Mobile Phone | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Current Position | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Current Organisation | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**4. Complete the checklist, and collate documentation**

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| Check all boxes to ensure you have provided all the necessary documentation | Documentation required |
|  | Completed Nomination Form |
|  | Nominee’s current professional Resume / Curriculum Vitae (CV) |
|  | Written statement of 2000 words or less responding to the following criteria:   * Nominee’s professional and personal accomplishments * Nominee’s leadership roles (professional or other) * Nominee’s involvement with UniSQ since graduating i.e., speaker, volunteer, advisor, ambassador, alumni committee etc. * Nominator’s justification for nominating the Nominee * At least one written reference for the Nominee including referee’s contact details * Written agreement from the Nominee for the award nomination |
|  | (optional) Additional supporting material i.e., awards, media, videos etc. |

***PRIVACY STATEMENT:*** *UniSQ respects the privacy of your personal information by adhering to the Information* [*Privacy Act 2009 (QLD)*](https://policy.usq.edu.au/documents/13404PL)*. Information collected by the University through this form will be used for the purpose of maintaining communication with alumni and promotion of alumni activities organised by the University. You have the right to access your personal information and if you wish to inquire about the handling of your data or seek to access your personal information you can contact the UniSQ Privacy Office on* [*privacy@usq.edu.au*](mailto:privacy@usq.edu.au)*.*

**Submit the nomination & documentation to** [**alumni@usq.edu.au**](mailto:alumni@usq.edu.au) **by midnight (AEST)   
16 June 2023.**