



**Guidelines to the  
United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award  
"Together towards Excellence and Creativity"**

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## Overview of United Arab Emirates University

The United Arab Emirates University was established in 1976 by a decision of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may God rest his soul, and aspires to be a comprehensive research university. Being the leading university in the United Arab Emirates, it provides a variety of high-quality and accredited undergraduate and graduate programs. These programs are offered into 9 colleges: Business and Economics, Education, Engineering, Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine, Humanities and Social Sciences, Information Technology, Law, Medicine & Health Sciences, and Sciences. With distinguished elite of international faculty, a new and state of the art campus, and a full range of services that provide support to students, the university provides an educational environment unparalleled in the United Arab Emirates.

As part of its pursuit of an international research position, the United Arab Emirates University works with its partners in the industrial sector to provide research solutions to the challenges facing the local, regional and international community. The university has established a number of research centers of strategic importance for the country and the region, which deal with topics related to important issues in the UAE and countries of the region, such as water resources, cancer treatment, the National Space Science and Technology Center, the Sheikh Zayed Center for Health Sciences and other research centers. Academic programs at the United Arab Emirates University are designed in partnership with employers, to ensure the employment of a larger segment of university graduates, and many graduates of the United Arab Emirates University occupy senior positions in the government, industry, and trade sectors in the region.

## Overview of UAEU Alumni Award

The idea of the "United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award" was launched within the framework of the direction towards strengthening the university's relationship with graduates and ensuring the sustainability of this relationship through concern for active graduates in society and appreciation of their efforts and distinction. It is an award that aims to establish a culture of excellence in higher education, entrepreneurship and research, and to promote and encourage effective trends by spreading the concept of permanent development for graduates of the United Arab Emirates University. The UAEU Alumni Award consists of four categories:

- 1- The United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.
- 2- The United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award for Community Engagement.
- 3- The United Arab Emirates University Graduate Award for Women Empowerment.
- 4- The United Arab Emirates University Alumni Wall of Fame.

It is an annual award given to local and international graduates of the United Arab Emirates University according to specific conditions and consistent with the concepts of quality and excellence.



## UAEU Alumni Award

### Objectives:

- Consolidating and sustaining the relationship with the graduates.
- Communicating with each other and with students, faculty, and university staff to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience.
- Appreciating the achievements of university graduates, and emphasizing their role as leaders in various disciplines.
- Involving graduates as one of the strategic partners in the main initiatives of the university.

### Categories

- 1- The United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.
- 2- The United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award for Community Engagement.
- 3- The United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award for Women Empowerment.
- 4- The United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award Wall of Fame.

The University awards six awards annually for each category (3 awards for local graduates and 3 awards for international graduates), and ten graduates are selected for the Wall of Fame (with 5 awards for local graduates and 5 awards for international graduates).

### General Criteria

- These awards are given to the United Arab Emirates University graduates only.
- Nominees are required to demonstrate tangible achievements in their respective fields.
- Winners may not be re-nominated for the same category, and it is permissible to nominate them for another category of the award after at least 3 years of obtaining the previous award.
- Nominees must have, during the nomination, experience of at least two years in the field of work, study or business after graduation from the United Arab Emirates University.
- Submission of a letter of recommendation in support of the candidate.

### Nomination Requirements

- Contact details with the nominee and the nominator;
- A recent CV of the nominee;
- 3-2pages containing the nominee's achievements;
- -Other documents to support the nomination: statement of achievements, newspaper articles, research activities, website, etc ... (evidence)

## General Guidelines

Applying for the United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award:

At the level of the United Arab Emirates and the countries of the world:

- The nominee shall apply electronically through the following electronic system <https://alumniaward.uaeu.ac.ae/>
- The deadline for submitting the application is Friday, 11 February 2022, and no application will be accepted after this date, and for any inquiries related to the electronic system, please contact the Alumni Affairs Section by email [Alumni\\_Award@uaeu.ac.ae](mailto:Alumni_Award@uaeu.ac.ae)

### Evidence and Attachments:

- Ensuring that the electronic nomination application and all evidence are clearly sent through the system.
- An electronic photo of the applicant must be attached with a white background, high quality, and in JPG / JPEG format.
- A copy of the passport and a copy of the Emirates ID for local graduates must be attached.
- Using the guide to the award categories.
- If you want to express more of your efforts in a certain criterion, you can add that from among the attachments.
- All works, documents, evidence and files submitted are owned by the United Arab Emirates University and are not returned to their owners. The university has the right to use it in the future in an appropriate manner and in the interest of the university.
- Evidence, documents and files should be limited to the last three years excluding the year of submission.
- Ensuring that all attached documents and evidence are certified or dated.

## UAEU Alumni Award Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Points	Achieved Points
1- Excellence & Achievement	300	
2- Creativity & Innovation	200	
3- Support of UAEU	150	
4- Levels of Contribution (local, regional, international)	150	
5- Impact on Others/ Adding values	200	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>	

## United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

### Definition:

This award aims to recognize the achievements of UAE University graduates in research, innovation and entrepreneurship that have a positive impact on improving the quality of life. In addition to encouraging activities related to academic research, innovation and entrepreneurship that contribute to the development of society.

### Conditions:

This award is given to distinguished graduates who meet one or more of the following:

- Has successful commercial projects, both locally and / or internationally.
- Has continuous contributions to his field through scientific activities, practices and innovation at the national, regional and / or international levels.
- Demonstrates the impact of his research, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Supporting academic research at the university and contributing to supporting cooperation with the university.

### Criteria:

#### 1- Excellence and Achievement (300 points)

This criterion focuses on the noteworthy and exceptional accomplishments of graduates throughout their careers. It also focuses on the quantity and quality of these accomplishments and whether they have resulted in continued success and contribution to their profession at the local, national and / or international levels.

#### 2- Creativity and Innovation (200 points)

This criterion focuses on the level of distinction, exclusivity and innovation, as well as the uniqueness of the graduate's ideas and / or achievements. It also focuses on how the achievements of graduates have resulted in positive change or significant impact on society through creativity and innovation.

#### 3- Support of UAEU (150 points)

This criterion focuses on the level of support provided to the United Arab Emirates University. Supporting the initiatives of the United Arab Emirates University through continuous participation with the United Arab Emirates University, and actively participating in events or activities organized / approved by the university and / or submitted to the university in the form of endowment or financial contributions.

#### 4- Level of contributions (local / regional / international) (150 points)

This criterion focuses on the outstanding contributions that alumni have made to local, regional and international communities, through professional activities, creative and innovative practices and ideas, which have had a significant impact. This effect can include professional and societal achievements.

#### 5- Impact on Others / Adding Values (200 points)

This criterion focuses on the significant impact on others as a result of the graduates' outstanding achievements in community service in one chosen area (award category). The great impact on society is the result of continuous contribution of great time and effort to improve and develop the community.

## United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award for Community Engagement

### Definition:

This award aims to recognize the achievements of United Arab Emirates University graduates who provide great services to society through the activities, programs and initiatives that they undertake, and to emphasize their active role in providing work that contributes to the development of society in all its institutions. In addition to creating a spirit of competition and consolidating the concept of social responsibility among community members.

### Conditions:

This award is given to distinguished graduates who meet one or more of the following:

- His positive impact on society is demonstrated through his work related to social innovation.
- Active participation in social and voluntary projects, humanitarian efforts and community development.
- Has valuable contributions towards achieving sustainable development goals locally, regionally or internationally.
- Has a tangible and clear impact on the development of society through teaching, academic research, administration, educational practices, or all of them.

### Criteria:

#### 1-Excellence and Achievement (300 points)

This criterion focuses on the noteworthy and exceptional accomplishments of graduates throughout their careers. It also focuses on the quantity and quality of these accomplishments and whether they have resulted in continued success and contribution to their profession at the local, national and / or international levels.

#### 2- Creativity and Innovation (200 points)

This criterion focuses on the level of distinction, exclusivity and innovation, as well as the uniqueness of the graduate's ideas and / or achievements. It also focuses on how the achievements of graduates have resulted in positive change or significant impact on society through creativity and innovation.

#### 3-Support of UAEU (150 points)

This criterion focuses on the level of support provided to the United Arab Emirates University. Supporting the initiatives of the United Arab Emirates University through continuous engagement with the United Arab Emirates University, and actively participating in events or activities organized / approved by the university and / or submitted to the university in the form of endowment or financial contributions.

#### 4- Level of contributions (local, regional and international) (150 points)

This criterion focuses on the outstanding contributions that alumni have made to local, regional and international communities, through professional activities, creative and innovative practices and ideas, which have had a significant impact. This effect can include professional and societal achievements.

#### 5- Impact on Others / Adding Values (200 points)

This criterion focuses on the significant impact on others as a result of the graduates' outstanding achievements in community service in one chosen area (award category). The great impact on society is the result of continuous contribution of great time and effort to improve and develop the community.



## United Arab Emirates University Alumni Award for Women Empowerment

### Definition:

This award aims to recognize the efforts of the graduates of the United Arab Emirates University aimed at empowering women and activating their role as one of the partners in achieving parity and achieving societal stability. In addition to enhancing the role of women in advancing the comprehensive and sustainable development of community institutions.

### Conditions:

This award is given to female graduates who meet one or more of the following:

- Has a balance of leadership skills in her specialty and has tangible and sustainable contributions to the development of women in her work and society.
- Has taken actions to raise the status of women during the stages of education, awareness, literacy and training.
- Played an important role in discussing issues related to women and / or developed methods for empowering women.
- Has an important role in overcoming challenges in her job, and has achievements in specialization, whether as a mentor or a volunteer.

### Criteria:

#### 1-Excellence and Achievement (300 points)

This criterion focuses on the noteworthy and exceptional accomplishments of graduates throughout their careers. It also focuses on the quantity and quality of these accomplishments and whether they have resulted in continued success and contribution to their profession at the local, national and / or international levels.

#### 2-Creativity and Innovation (200 points)

This criterion focuses on the level of distinction, exclusivity and innovation, as well as the uniqueness of the graduate's ideas and / or achievements. It also focuses on how the achievements of graduates have resulted in positive change or significant impact on society through creativity and innovation.

#### 3- Support of UAEU (150 points)

This criterion focuses on the level of support provided to the United Arab Emirates University. Supporting the initiatives of the United Arab Emirates University through continuous participation with the United Arab Emirates University, and actively participating in events or activities organized / approved by the university and / or submitted to the university in the form of endowment or financial contributions.

#### 4- Level of contributions (local, regional and international) (150 points)

This standard focuses on the outstanding contributions that alumni have made to local, regional and international communities, through professional activities, creative and innovative practices and ideas, which have had a significant impact. This effect can include professional and societal achievements.

#### 5-Impact on Others / Adding Values (200 points)

This criterion focuses on the significant impact on others as a result of the graduates' outstanding achievements in community service in one chosen area (award category). The great impact on society is the result of continuous contribution of great time and effort to improve and develop the community.



## United Arab Emirates University Alumni Wall of Fame

### Definition:

The United Arab Emirates University Alumni Wall of Fame aims to recognize outstanding achievements after graduating from the university, including professional achievements and / or work in the field of public service.

### Conditions:

It is required that the graduates nominated have:

- Hold leadership positions within their communities and / or workplaces;
- Made significant contributions to the care and / or success of those around them, provided that those contributions exceed what the average person in the same position might make, resulting from the effort to exceed the usual standards, accompanied by a demonstration of personality, integrity and leadership role of the nominee;

The nominee level of participation with the university, its students and professors, will be taken into consideration.

**The names of ten selected alumni will be added to the wall of fame during the annual alumni meeting at the university.**

### Recommendations:

All governmental and private institutions, departments and strategic partners of the United Arab Emirates University have the right to nominate whomever they deem appropriate for the Wall of Fame award from the graduates of the United Arab Emirates University who have clear contributions and distinguished achievements in their fields.

### Letters of Recommendation

For all the award categories, the nominee may attach letters of recommendation from his superiors at work, provided that these letters include the director / manager data, and the university administration has the right to communicate with him in the event of any inquiry about the nominee.

**We wish you continued excellence and creativity**