

Australian National Centre for Peer Assisted Study Sessions

Achievement Award in Recognition of Excellence and Contribution to Student Learning

Introduction

The Australian National Centre for Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) is inviting you to nominate for the 2009 Achievement Award in Recognition of Excellence and Contribution to Student Learning. The awards have been set up to recognise, promote and reward the valuable and important work that PASS/PAL/SI Leaders from the Australasian region do in facilitating peer learning.

If you are a PASS/PAL/SI Leader, why not apply? Winners will gain an invaluable addition to their resume!

Award winners will be presented with a certificate and plaque at the 5th National PASS Forum in Melbourne in Sept 2009.

Eligibility

Nomination for the awards is open to PASS leaders/facilitators who are currently employed in a PASS/PAL/SI program within the Australasia region. All levels of peer support (for eg Leader/facilitator or senior mentor) and all disciplines are within the scope of the award.

Awards

Outstanding New Leader

Up to three prizes to be awarded in this category. Eligible candidates will have worked as a Pass leader/facilitator for 2 semesters or less.

Outstanding Senior Leader/ Mentor

Up to three prizes will be awarded for Outstanding Senior Leader/Mentor (for those employed 3 or more semesters).

(The Australian National Centre for PASS reserves the right not to award prizes in a particular category or to award less than three in a category. Previous winners in any category are not eligible to nominate again).

Criteria

Nominations will be judged based on the criteria below:

1. Evidence of quality contribution to student learning and development of a culture of peer learning (e.g., this may include but is not limited to participant feedback, supervisor feedback, resources developed, results from subject/s supported, your personal philosophy/approach etc.)
2. Understanding of peer learning theory as demonstrated in your practical experiences as a Leader (for eg, some reference to literature would enhance your application)
3. Demonstration of outstanding performance, commitment or leadership (e.g., collegial support of team, leadership roles within your PASS/SI Program, demonstration of innovation and creativity, etc)

Nomination Format

1) Cover Sheet provided

2) Application of 2 - 3 pages – this should address how you meet the award criteria outlined above

3) Supporting Material – up to 4 pages that can include text, photographs, learning activities, visual elements or video clips. Material could possibly include but is not limited to the following:

- Sample activities you have used in your sessions
- Evidence from peer leader or supervisor observations and assessments of your sessions
- Feedback you have received from students
- References from other peer leaders within your team who have observed your work

Key Dates:

March 2009: Applications open

July 8th 2009: Applications close and submitted by email to Sally Rogan, PASS National Trainer (sally@uow.edu.au) or by mail to Sally Rogan, PASS National Centre, Student Services, Bldng 11, University of Wollongong, Northfields Ave, Wollongong, 2522

August 29th 2009: Winners announced

September 2009: Awards presented at the 5th National PASS Forum in Melbourne
The winners will also be asked to form a leader panel as part of the 5th National PASS Forum

Selection Panel

Applicants will be short listed by staff from the PASS National Centre and the National Forum co-hosting institution. Winners will then be selected externally with lead judge to be Ms Cathy Unite, former Sth African National Trainer and now PASS/ SI Program Supervisor at The International SI / PASS Centre at UMKC. Anyone associated with the selection panel is ineligible to apply.

Further Information

If you would like further information on any aspect of the awards process, please contact Sally Rogan (sally@uow.edu.au)

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Contact details	
Title	
First name	
Last name	
Email address	
Telephone	
Award Category	
Postal address	
University	
Faculty / Discipline	
Details of PASS/SI Positions in chronological order	

Applicant's declaration

I (print name of nominee)
agree for this application, if successful, to be used as a resource by the University of Wollongong PASS National Centre. This may include being included on the UOW PASS website.

Signature:

Date:

Checklist for Applications

1. Cover Sheet (i.e., this page)
2. Statement addressing the criteria (3 pages maximum)
3. Support Material (4 pages maximum)
4. Total number of pages including this cover sheet does not exceed 8 pages.