Deputy Vice-Chancellor’s Indigenous Education Strategic Awards

Vice Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching
Vice Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Higher Degree Research Supervision
Vice Chancellor’s Awards for Support of the Student Experience

Purpose
This strategic award scheme seeks to promote, recognise and reward outstanding contributions to Indigenous education at the University of Sydney through a bonus offered as part of the Vice Chancellor’s teaching award schemes.

It is awarded by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Strategy and Services (DVC ISS) as part of the Vice Chancellor’s Outstanding Teaching, Research Supervision and Support for Student learning schemes.

Nature
The strategic bonus award is made at the discretion of the DVC ISS.
A bonus award of $5,000 is awarded to winners of any of the Vice-Chancellors teaching award schemes that are also judged, by the DVC ISS to have made a contribution of significant merit to Indigenous Education.

At the discretion of the DVC ISS an award of $2,500 may also be made to any shortlisted applications which do not win a VC award, yet are still judged to have made a significant contribution to the strategic priority of Indigenous Education.

Eligibility
The Indigenous Education strategic bonus award scheme is open to Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff of The University of Sydney. Contributions of significant merit to Indigenous education could involve, but are not limited to the following:

1. Excellence in the teaching of Indigenous students as a cohort
2. Excellence in the design and/or teaching of courses or units in which Indigenous issues are a major focus
3. Excellence in the embedding of Indigenous knowledge and perspectives within a unit of study or degree course
4. Excellence in promoting and supporting Indigenous students’ university learning and engagement

Selection Committee
Recommendations for awards will be made by the DVC Indigenous Services and Strategy to the Awards Selection Committees as part of the usual selection process for the Vice-Chancellor’s awards.

Criteria
Applicants will be assessed by the DVC ISS on the basis of evidence presented in their written applications for the Vice Chancellors award that supports their claims for the excellence of their contribution to Indigenous education; in relation to the following criteria:

1. Significance of contribution (e.g. Rationale, relevance to Indigenous education priorities and challenges, numbers of students reached, lasting impact on learners and the community, sustainability etc.)

2. Quality of contribution (evidence and recognition of high quality teaching processes and high quality learning outcomes, scholarly rationale for initiative etc.)

Application
No additional application is required. Applicants will indicate on the Vice Chancellor’s awards cover sheet that they wish to be considered for the DVC ISS bonus. The DVC ISS will review the relevant applications made under the Vice Chancellors award scheme.