

Education UK Alumni Awards 2016

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Frequently asked questions

Eligibility criteria and the application process

1) Can I apply myself?

Yes, if you meet the [eligibility criteria](#), you can apply online by following the instructions on [this page](#).

2) I studied at a UK university before 2005, am I still eligible?

Only if the period of study includes at least one term/semester in 2005 or later.

3) How do I decide on my country of entry?

You must be currently residing in one of the ten countries participating in the Education UK Alumni Awards 2016:

- Brazil
- China
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Saudi Arabia
- Turkey
- USA

4) I'm from one of the ten participating countries but living in the UK, can I still apply?

No. You need to be currently residing in one of the ten countries listed above to apply. Your story should demonstrate how your UK higher education experience has benefitted your community, industry and country of entry.

5) Can I apply if I'm not a national/citizen of one of the ten participating countries?

Yes, as long as you are currently residing in of one of the ten listed countries.

Education UK
Alumni Awards 2016**6) How do I decide which award category to apply for?**

There are three award categories in each participating country:

- **Entrepreneurial Award** – recognising alumni who are active in initiating or contributing to innovative new business opportunities that have the potential for strong growth.
- **Professional Achievement Award** – recognising alumni who have distinguished themselves through exemplary leadership and achievements in their professional industry.
- **Social Impact Award** – recognising alumni who have made an exceptional contribution and commitment to creating positive social change and improving the lives of others.

Check out the [profiles](#) of award winners and finalists from each award category from the Education UK Alumni Awards 2015.

7) How will I know if I have been nominated?

We will send you an email alerting you that you have been nominated as soon as the nomination has been processed. This may be up to a week after your nominator has submitted their nomination form. You will be provided with a link to your application form for the award category and country of award entry that your nominator has nominated you for. You then need to complete and submit the application form if you would like to enter the Education UK Alumni Awards 2016.

8) Can I apply or be nominated more than once?

No - you may only apply for one Education UK Alumni Award 2016 category. Multiple applications for different award categories will not be accepted.

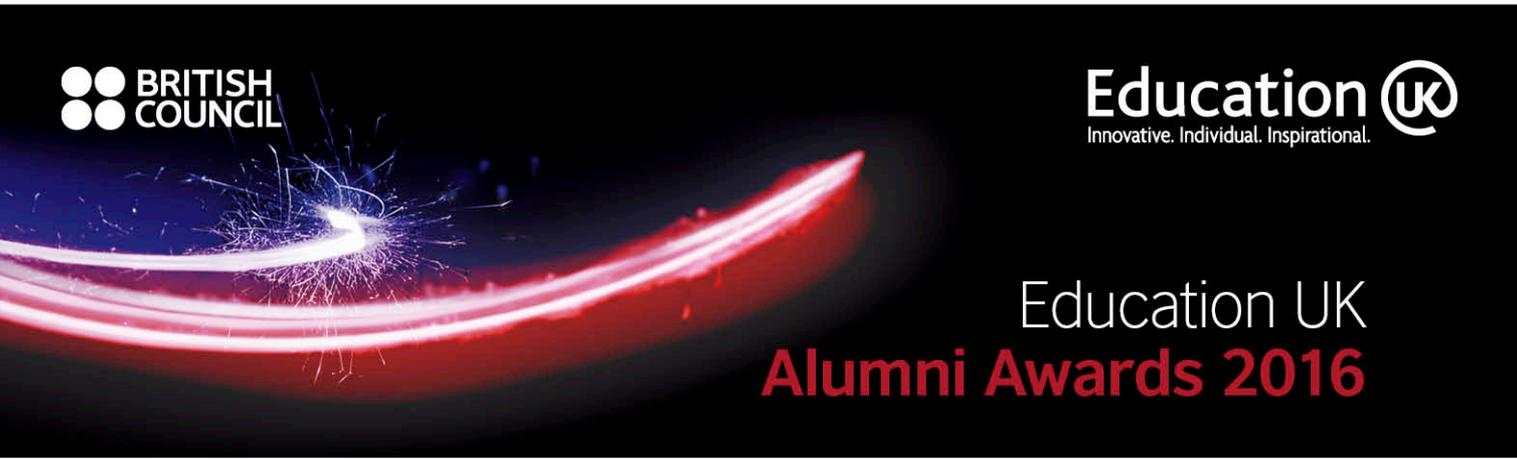
9) Can I re-apply if I applied to the competition last year?

Applicants from the Education UK Alumni Awards 2015 who were not shortlisted, or who were shortlisted as a finalist, may re-apply if they meet this year's eligibility criteria. Winners may not re-apply.

10) What supporting documentation is required for my application?

You will only be required to upload:

- your current CV/resume

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- a character reference from your employer or client, with full contact details for the referee. If you have been nominated, this character reference must not be from the same person who nominated you.

Applicants may also wish to upload additional supporting documentation such as (but not limited to): additional references; portfolios; newspaper articles, websites, links to audio or visual materials, performance evaluations etc.

11) If I'm applying myself do I need to contact my former UK university to let them know?

No, the British Council will do this on your behalf.

Nominations

12) Who can I nominate?

Before you nominate someone for an Education UK Alumni Award 2016, please check that the person is [eligible](#). Nominate someone in a few simple steps by following the instructions [here](#).

13) What if I don't know my nominee's contact details?

You don't need to know full contact details, just their given/first name and family/last name, their email address, and which of the ten participating countries they are currently living in.

14) Can I nominate someone for more than one award category?

No. If we decide that the nominee you have put forward is better suited to another category we will make that change on your behalf. You can nominate as many different alumni for the award as you wish.

15) Can I nominate someone if they've already been nominated?

No – if your nominee has already been nominated, or has applied themselves, any additional nominations will not be included with their application.

16) Can I nominate a group?

No, but you can nominate a named individual who can represent a group.

17) Can I nominate someone who has received an Education UK Alumni Award before?

You can't nominate previous winners, but you can nominate finalists or those who weren't shortlisted last year, or they can reapply themselves.

Education UK
Alumni Awards 2016**18) When can I apply or nominate someone?**

You can apply or nominate someone between 24 August and 31 October 2015.

19) What happens after I submit my nomination?

When you have submitted your nomination form, it will be processed within approximately one week. Your nominee will then be informed by email that they have been nominated, with a link and password to complete their application form if they wish. Your nominee will only be able to view the country of award entry and award category that you have nominated them for.

Shortlisting process**20) I have completed my application. When will I hear from you?**

We will write to you in early November confirming that your application is being reviewed. Reviewing and shortlisting will take place in November and December 2015, and you will be informed of the status of your application by late December 2015/January 2016.

21) What are the selection criteria for nominees and applicants?

All applications will be reviewed against the same judging criteria. See the [judging criteria](#) for evidence of what the judges will be looking for.