

British Council launch international awards to celebrate UK alumni achievements in higher education.**EMBARGOED UNTIL 2 September 2020 (London, UK)**

The British Council has launched the seventh year of a prestigious award celebrating the outstanding achievements of the UK's international alumni around the world.

The Study UK Alumni Awards are open to alumni living anywhere outside of the UK. Award winners and finalists are leaders in their fields who have used their experience of studying at a UK university to make a positive contribution to their communities, industries and countries. The Study UK Alumni Awards celebrate and showcase the impact and value of a UK higher education and raise the international profile of UK alumni and their former universities

The awards are open to alumni currently residing in any country outside the UK, who have either studied in the UK, at an officially recognised provider of UK university degree level study for a minimum of a term or semester, or who have been awarded a full UK degree level qualification (or higher), by a UK university through a local institution overseas, within the last 15 years.

Applications open on **2 September 2020** and close on **30 October 2020**. All eligible applicants will be put forward for the global Alumni Awards, and national Alumni Awards will be hosted in participating countries.

Global Awards

The finalists and winners of the global Alumni Awards will be announced in 2021 and celebrated in a digital campaign that will raise the profile of their story and success. Award winners have the opportunity to raise their international profile, expand their professional networks, and to enhance their careers, through a professional networking visit to the UK (in light with Covid-19 restrictions).

National Awards

In addition to the global awards, a small number of countries will host country level ceremony. Finalists for the national awards will be announced between December 2020 and January 2021, and winners announced and celebrated with finalists at high profile ceremonies. The national awards are generally hosted by the British Ambassador or High Commissioner, with VIPs and royalty attending as special guests, leading to extensive press and PR coverage of finalists. However, we will follow measures where necessary to celebrate digitally subject to Covid-19 restrictions.

For full details on the eligibility criteria and participating countries, please refer to <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/alumni-awards>

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For a list of previous Alumni Award winners, see <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/alumni-awards/winners>

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More information on the Alumni Awards:

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Alumni Award categories

Professional Achievement Award

Recognising UK alumni who have distinguished themselves through exemplary leadership and achievements in their professional industry, and who can demonstrate the impact and scale of their achievements in their profession, and beyond.

Entrepreneurial Award

Recognising UK alumni who are active in initiating or contributing to innovative or creative new ideas, solutions or business opportunities, that have the potential for strong growth

Social Impact Award

Recognising UK alumni who have made an exceptional contribution and commitment to creating positive social change and improving the lives of others

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