

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE AND CONTEXT

- (1) The primary purpose of the UWS Partnership Awards is to recognise outstanding partnerships between the University, external organisations and individuals, particularly in Greater Western Sydney (GWS).

- (2) The Awards are intended to:
 - a. Recognise outstanding partner relationships
 - b. Strengthen links with the community
 - c. Increase the University's contribution to its region's well-being, social capital and economic vitality
 - d. Place the University at the heart of its region's development
 - e. Foster ongoing partnerships and community engagement
 - f. Encourage loyalty and commitment to UWS
 - g. Acknowledge UWS, nationally and internationally, as a leader in the field of community engagement

SECTION 2 – POLICY STATEMENT

Part A – Call for Nominations

- (3) Each year the Office of Engagement and Partnerships will invite members of the University's academic, general and research staff to nominate partnerships that support the University's commitment to community engagement, particularly in Greater Western Sydney.

Part B – Selection Criteria

Partnerships that meet the University's engagement strategy and exhibit several or all of the following characteristics will be considered:

- a) Focus on a specific community-identified need or opportunity
- b) Exchange of knowledge and expertise among partners
- c) Activities are demonstrably of mutual benefit
- d) Impact on the region's development, prosperity and/or social capital
- e) Enhanced opportunities for students and staff to participate in community-based learning and research activities
- f) Shared planning and decision-making practices in partnership governance
- g) Commitment to measurement of partnership impacts
- h) Contributes to the enhancement of the University's reputation as a university actively engaged with its community and region

Part C – Eligibility for Awards

- (4) Partnerships between UWS and external public, private and community organisations and individuals that meet several or all of the selection criteria are eligible for nomination.

Part D – Nomination Process and Submissions

- (5) Nominations must be made on the form designated for the Awards and are available through the UWS intranet and website.
- (6) Staff members are encouraged to begin preparing their nominations as early as possible.
- (7) Nominations should be forwarded to Louise Eljiz in the UWS Engagement office (l.eljiz@uws.edu.au) by 15 October 2010.

Part E – Timeline

- (8) The timeline for the 2010 UWS Partnership Awards scheme is:

Date	Event
17 Sep	Call for nominations for the 2009 UWS Partnership Awards
	Reminder e-mail sent weekly
8 Oct	Nominations Close
15 Oct	(estimated date) Awards Panel meet
22 Oct	Panel recommendations submitted to the Vice-Chancellor
8 Nov	Invitations to Award Ceremony sent
10 Dec	Awards Ceremony

Part F – Dissemination of Outcomes

- (9) Certificates of recognition acknowledging the contribution of individuals to the partnership will be presented during the Award Ceremony on 10th December 2010. Announcements about Award recipients will be disseminated broadly.