

RSU Awards 2019 Criteria

The RSU Student Awards is one of the most prestigious award ceremonies that we have here at Roehampton. It celebrates many important achievements and is a platform for recognition of the fantastic work undertaken by students, staff and members of the local community.

We have an array of different awards, all of which have a specific purpose covering all aspects of university life. Below you will see a brief description for each award, to give you a sense of which award(s) you can nominate either yourself or others for:

Please note that submissions for these awards must be via the online submission form. Attachments will be accepted but you may include web links to specific information that supports your nomination, photos or evidence of events to help support your nomination. Any awards not put through on the survey before the deadline will not be accepted.

1. RSU Society of the Year

Awarded to the society who is recognised for demonstrating the following:

Essential:

- At least 15 members signed up to the society online
- Professional attitude to running the society throughout the year
- Strong engagement with students and other university clubs / societies
- Demonstrating good committee organisation and team work
- A variety of opportunities for members to get involved
- Good relationship with Roehampton Students Union
- Makes an impact as a society off or on campus

Desirable:

- Connection with the wider community (general public, staff)
- Demonstrating their achievements throughout the year
- Has attended a society development meeting, or regular meetings throughout the year with the Society Coordinator
- The society is solely run by students where possible

2. Best Academic Society of the Year – New Award

This award goes to the society who has demonstrated the following:

- Built good links with the school of their academic subject
- Must be a society that can be categorised as academic – whether this is in relation to a course at this university or another university
- Minimum of 10 members registered to the society online
- Evidence of a wide range of activities with student participation

- Can demonstrate an event hosted of an academic nature which is open for both staff and students to attend. This event must have some relevance to the nature of the academic society.

3. Most Improved Society of the Year- New Award

Awarded to the society who has made the most significant improvements over the course of the year to their activities (based on the RSU Society of the Year criteria) but with the emphasis on how the society has improved in each area.

This will show through hard work of the committee in attracting new members by putting on new activities and developing individuals.

4. Best New Society of the Year

This award is for a society that has been setup since 1st September that academic year and has made the most progress in becoming sustainable.

It is awarded to the society who has performed the best in their first year operation based on the criteria of the RSU Society of the Year award.

The exceptions to this rule is:

- They must have a minimum of 10 members signed up online instead of 15.
- It is not a society which previously went dormant within the previous two years of setting up.

5. Best Society Committee Member of the Year – New Award

Awarded to any elected individual or member involved in a society for doing activities beyond normal expectations, having excellent teamwork and communication skills and going out of their way to develop activities of the society.

If a non-committee person applies, they will need to have demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm about the society and invigorated and influenced the committee from the outside. They should have a positive, supportive and enthusiastic attitude.

In accordance to the rules, the individual must be a full time or part time student here at the University of Roehampton, and have signed up as a member of the society online at the time of application.

6. Best Student Event of the Year

Awarded to any one-off event organised by any group of students / student / society which has performed best in the following areas:

- Number of people attending the event
- Success of the event
- Innovative Ideas

- Profile of the Event
- Money raised for charity – if applicable
- Promotion and awareness made of the event
- Element of how much student / staff input was involved in the event. E.g. how much of the event was solely managed by students alone without staff support.

7. Volunteer of the Year

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated commitment, enthusiasm and positivity, promotion of volunteering to others and organising volunteering events.

8. Fundraiser of the Year

A student or group of students who have stood out as an excellent fundraiser either as part of a society or alone. Qualities of the nominees should include - good promotion of the cause, sustained commitment to fundraising, ability to enthuse others, and amount raised. Societies are eligible for this award, if nominees have worked within the group. Please be aware that by raising the highest amount of money does not automatically qualify you in winning this award.

9. Contribution to the Community Award

Awarded to an individual, society or group of students who have provided their services for charitable causes over the past academic year. This can be through some sort of community service. We will be looking for:

- What community work has been undertaken by the club? Please include dates, name of community project, how many members were involved and an approximation of hours spent on the project(s).
- What was the outcome of the community work i.e. did you build something, who was this benefiting and how did it benefit this group of people?

10. Chicken Volunteer of the Year Award

Nominate a Growhampton volunteer who has shown exceptional commitment and dedication towards caring for the Growhampton chickens this past year.

11. Growhampton Volunteering Award

Nominate a Growhampton volunteer that has shown outstanding commitment towards Growhampton produce on campus.

12. Programme Rep of the Year

Programme Reps are vital at Roehampton to ensuring students get their voice heard in shaping their own degree. This award goes to an undergraduate program rep who has gone the extra mile to represent their fellow course members throughout the year

- Registered on the programme rep list within the RSU.
- Must be a registered student who is currently undertaking a course at University of Roehampton.
- Must have attended a programme rep training session

13. Department Rep of the Year

Department Reps are vital at Roehampton to helping Programme Reps get their voice heard, and they communicate with the Department and gather feedback to create positive change at Roehampton. This award goes to a Department Rep who has gone the extra mile to represent their Department and support their Programme Reps throughout the year.

- Registered on the Department Rep list within the RSU.
- Must be a registered student who is currently undertaking a course at University of Roehampton.
- Must have attended a Department Rep training session and filled their Department Rep duties as stated on their Honorarium agreement.

14. UR Amazing Award (Academic Lecturers)

Awarded to University Academic staff member who has shown excellence in engaging, motivating and inspiring students. As well as going the extra mile to support students and willing to give up time to answer questions and see students, has a positive attitude to teaching and learning and the ability to enthuse students about subject area.

The individual must be a registered staff member at the University during the academic year of the nomination and be an academic lecturer / teacher/ head of department.

15. UR Amazing Award (Non-Academic Staff)

This UR amazing award goes to a member of non-academic staff who has been an integral part of student life in Roehampton, whether they are being friendly or supportive, we want to know!

The individual must be a registered staff member at the University during the academic year of the nomination.

The individual can be any member of staff here at the university on a full or part time contract.

Please note - If a nomination involves a member of staff on the RSU Awards committee, they will be removed from the room while this award is decided and not be allowed to be involved in the decision making.

16. Outstanding Contribution and Inspiration to Student Life Award

This award celebrates the invaluable contribution that students make to University life and the wider community.

It goes to a student who has dedicated huge amounts of time to making their Roehampton's student experience the best it can be and also helping other students make the most of their time at Roehampton. This award is for a student who goes above and beyond their daily duties to create and sustain positive change. We are looking for an exceptional winner, who embodies what it means to be a University of Roehampton student.

This will ideally be a final year student, but we will consider applications from students in other years who have gone above and beyond.
They must be a part or full time student to be nominated for this award.

Evidence must be provided to show what they have achieved. This can be in an academic and non-academic context.

Each winner of the individual awards will also be shortlisted into this category

17. Part Time Officer of the Year

This award goes to one of the Student Unions part time officers who has developed in their role as much as they could, running campaigns, creating events and representing students to the best of their ability. The criteria is as follows:

- The officer must have been elected into the role by the student body.
- There must be evidence of the work the part time officer did, and what their involvement was.
- They would have attended at least 50% of the Union Council meetings.
- They must have participated in at least one other RSU event in some form to support the RSU.
- Awarded for showing good leadership, willingness to learn, organisation, team work, reliability and adapts to difficult situations

18. The Big C.H.E.E.S.E Award (Outstanding Contribution to Fresh Network)

C.H.E.E.S.E stands for the Comprehensive Honour for Electric Entertainment and Student Excellence.

This award goes to a student or team of students who have shown an outstanding commitment and contribution to Fresh Network and have elevated both the quantity and quality of the creative material produced.

19. The Sky Sharma Performance Award

This award is dedicated to Sky Sharma, a performance student who previously studied at the University of Roehampton. The award is for any group, society or individual who is currently a full or part time student here at the university, who have participated in arts through all elements of performance, whether this is dance, acting, poetry, music or any other sorts of arts activity. The award is selected and presented by Sky Sharma's parents in honour of their son.

20. The Union Fellowship Award

This award may be given to any individual, whether they are part of or were part of the University of Roehampton who has made a significant impact for the RSU and the University community. It is for those who deserve to be recognised, have achieved something extraordinary during their time here or who have achieved the odds to complete their studies. This award will not always be handed out each year, but is highly recognised and decided on by the CEO and the committee in Roehampton Students Union.