

Awards

SU and Sports Awards 2026

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Roehampton Students' Union Annual Awards Nomination Criteria

The annual RSU Awards are an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the achievements of passionate students at Roehampton. There are ten awards in total:

- Paul & Pilar O' Prey RSU Society of the Year
- Sky Sharma Contribution to the Community Award
- Overcoming Adversity Award
- Society Event of the Year
- Volunteer Impact Award
- Unsung Hero Award
- Student Leadership Award
- Outstanding Contribution to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Award
- The Changemaking Award
- Spirit of the RSU Award

The criteria for each award can be viewed below. If you know an individual or group who deserves an RSU award, show your appreciation submitting a nomination for them!

1) Paul & Pilar O' Prey RSU Society of the Year

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

- 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

2) Sky Sharma Contribution to the Community Award

An award dedicated to the memory of Sky Sharma. 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.

3) Overcoming Adversity Award

An award that recognises the resilience and hard-work an individual or group has demonstrated in order to overcome challenges this year. We will be looking for:

- What were the challenges experienced this year and how were these overcome?
- What was the outcome of overcoming these obstacles?

4) Society Event of the Year

This award acknowledges an event that has been engaging, had exceptional planning, organisation and was fun! This award applies to in person and online events. For this award, we are looking for:

- What made this event stand out for you?
- What was the highlight from this event?
- Why do you consider this event to be "the event of the year"?

5) Volunteer Impact Award

This award recognises the time, effort and hard work of passionate RSU Volunteers. This award could be for an individual or group of volunteers who have made an impact through their voluntary work. For this award, we are looking for:

- An individual or group that volunteers with the RSU
- What work they've done and what impact this has had?

6) Unsung Hero Award

This award acknowledges a student who has gone out of their way to support and enrich the student experience and community at Roehampton. This award looks for someone who is passionate, selfless, and always goes above and beyond with what they do.

7) Student Leadership Award

Student Leaders are imperative to the Union's mission in representing and developing students from all different backgrounds at Roehampton. This award is for a student leader that has demonstrated hard work, passion and a commitment to representing and promoting student voice at Roehampton. For this award we are looking for:

- An individual Student Leader
- What role they have (e.g., Subject Area Rep, Elected Officer, School Rep etc)
- Evidence of the work they've done to promote and represent student voice

8) Outstanding Contribution to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Award

This award spotlights an individual or group who make strides in ensuring that Roehampton students feel represented throughout their studies and life at Roehampton. For this award we will be looking for:

- Evidence of how they have created or enhanced the community at Roehampton
- The impact of their contribution to Equality, Diversity, and inclusion

9) The Chagemaking Award

An award that recognises a significant campaign, project or change led by an RSU volunteer or Elected Officer. This could be an individual or group of students. We will be looking for:

- What role this student has taken (e.g., Programme Rep, Society, Elected officer etc) •
Details of a project, campaign or change they've created
- What was the impact of this?

10) Spirit of the RSU Award

This award recognises a student or group who embodies the 6 core values of the RSU, have reflected the RSU's mission through their work and contribution to life at Roehampton. For this award, we are looking for:

- What work has this student/group done?
- How does this work reflect the 6 values of the RSU?
 - Transparent
 - Student Focused
 - High Quality
 - Bold
 - Supportive

11) Representative of the Year

The Representative of the Year award is one of the most prestigious honours, celebrating a student representative who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and impact in advancing the academic interests of their peers. This award recognises an individual who has not only consistently amplified the student voice but has also translated feedback into meaningful, lasting change. Through their professionalism, initiative, and collaborative approach, they embody the very best of academic representation and set a benchmark for others to aspire to.

Things to consider:

- The volume, consistency, and reach of feedback gathered, reflecting a proactive and inclusive approach to engaging with a diverse student body.
- The quality, depth, and relevance of feedback provided demonstrating critical insight, avoiding repetition, and constructively contributing to academic discussions and decision-making.
- Clear evidence of resolved issues, showcasing the nominee's ability to effectively follow through on concerns and deliver tangible improvements to the student academic experience.
- Innovation and leadership in designing or supporting feedback collection initiatives within their School, fostering a culture of open dialogue and student participation.
- Meaningful engagement in Students' Union-led platforms and initiatives including the Education Forum, feedback collection drives, Speak Week, and RSU on Tour and the impact of their contributions in shaping outcomes.
- Active and effective participation in School-level representation structures, such as Programme Boards, Student Voice Forums, and SEG meetings, demonstrating influence within formal academic processes.
- Exceptional communication and collaboration with Students' Union staff, School staff, fellow representatives, and students, building strong and productive working relationships.
- A high standard of professionalism, reliability, and accountability in fulfilling the responsibilities of the role.
- The overall scale and significance of their impact, particularly in creating positive, measurable change and leaving a lasting legacy within the academic community.