



WORLD INDIGENOUS NATIONS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

WINHEC Circle of Honours

DUE: Annually March 31

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The WINHEC Executive Co-Chairs are pleased to announce the '**CALL for WINHEC Circle of Honours**' that advances WINHEC's Mission and Goals, to:

1. Recognise the significance of Indigenous education and the educational rights of Indigenous Peoples;
2. Accelerate the articulation of Indigenous epistemologies (ways of knowing, education, philosophy, and research); and
3. Protect and enhance Indigenous spiritual beliefs, cultures and languages through higher education.

Categories for WINHEC Circle of Honours:

- CHIEFS OF INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP
- ELDERS OF INDIGENOUS WISDOM
- SCHOLARS OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE
- SERVICE TO INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Guide to Nominations

1. Nominations may be made by any member who represents a member body of WINHEC, by completing this nomination form and forwarding it to: winhecawards@gmail.com
Any prior queries regarding the process can be sent to the WINHEC Executive Co-Chairs who will respond to any queries prior to submitting nominations:
Jolan Hsieh at: jolan@gms.ndhu.edu.tw **and**
Elmer Guy at: eguy@navajotech.edu
2. Nominations must be received annually by **March 31** and confirmation / notifications will be sent to successful nominees / recipients of awards by **June 30**, in time for processing and allowing for Honourees to make arrangements to attend the WINHEC Annual General Meeting, which is usually scheduled in July / August each year.
3. Wherever possible, and after a nomination has been lodged, the WINHEC Executive Co-Chairs should be advised if there are any changes made to the information supplied for the nomination of a WINHEC Circle of Honours Award. These changes may include a change of Nominees address, circumstances, or even death.
4. Nominations of persons whose services are related to their employment, as either a WINHEC employee, or as the employee of a WINHEC member body, should in the first

instance be forwarded to their own CEO for consideration before being sent to the Awards Secretariat.

5. WINHEC Executive Co-Chairs will assess all submissions and forward nominations to the WINHEC Executive Board for ratification. Upon ratification, nominators will be notified of the outcome of each nomination.
6. The number of honours available for award may be limited according to the number of nominations received and therefore not all of the people nominated may be given recognition. It is important for interested parties to realise that an honour will not be automatically awarded following the submission of a name for consideration.
7. **Death of a Nominee:** Consideration for a WINHEC Circle of Honour Award will be given to nominations of persons deceased since the last AGM.
8. **Confidentiality of Nominations:** All nominations for awards are treated in the strictest of confidence. Details of the person making the nomination are not disclosed.
9. **Withdrawal of an Award:** The selection of recipients for consideration and subsequent recommendation and acceptance reflects the nominations received and information available at the time. WINHEC reserves the right to withdraw an award if further information or the recipient's conduct draws WINHEC Circle of Honours Awards into disrepute.

Description of Categories

❖ CHIEFS OF INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP

Requirements: A Past WINHEC Chairperson / Executive Co-Chair.

The Chiefs of Indigenous Leadership is automatically offered to past Chairpersons / Executive Co-Chairs, upon honourable completion of their term of office. The purpose of this award is to provide recognition of the highest order for people who have served WINHEC as Chairperson and have concluded their time in office. This select Circle is only for past Chairpersons / Executive Co-Chairs of WINHEC. The award also carries a WINHEC Life Membership. It is almost an automatic entry with the nomination completed by the Awards Secretariat.

❖ ELDERS OF INDIGENOUS WISDOM

Requirements: A nominee must be:

- a senior respected member of his/her tribe/clan/band, and involved in higher education; **and/or**
- a past/present office holder of a higher education institution; **and/or**
- a contributor to Indigenous higher education initiatives; **and/or**
- a regular supporter/attendee of WINHEC worldwide meetings.

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition of the highest order for people who have served their own people, providing leadership and guidance in the form of wisdom, and the upholding of their own principles, values and customs. This award has a strong

hereditary component solidifying the Indigenous strength and purpose of WINHEC leadership. Recipients of this award will have a history of being supporters of higher education development and opportunities for their collective people whether it has been at tribal/clan level or wider. They may or may not have held high office of an educational institution, or of WINHEC, but their contribution, energy, and support has been of the highest order. The award also carries a WINHEC Life Membership.

❖ **SCHOLARS OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE**

Requirements: A nominee must be:

- a respected member of his/her tribe/clan/band, and involved in higher education; **and/or**
- a past/present office holder of a higher education institution; **and/or**
- a holder of academic title, and/or a contributor to Indigenous higher education initiatives; **and/or**
- an Indigenous education researcher of merit; **and/or**
- an Indigenous author of education related topic; **and/or**
- a regular supporter/attendee of WINHEC worldwide meetings.

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for people who have and continue to serve their own people, providing leadership and guidance in the form of knowledge and developing ways of knowing, that uphold their principles, values and customs. This award has a strong hereditary component solidifying the Indigenous strength and purpose of WINHEC leadership. Recipients of this award will have a history of being supporters of higher education development and opportunities for their collective peoples, whether it has been at tribal/clan level or wider. They may or may not have held high office of an educational institution, or of WINHEC, but their contribution, energy, and support has been of the highest order. They may be or have been participants in research of note and published their findings. The award also carries a WINHEC Life Membership.

❖ **SERVICE TO INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

Requirements: A nominee must be:

- a respected member of WINHEC, and/or involved in higher education; **and/or**
- a past/present office holder of a higher education institution; **and/or**
- a holder of academic title; **and/or**
- an education researcher of merit; **and/or**
- a past present employee of WINHEC; **and/or**
- a regular supporter/attendee of WINHEC worldwide meetings.

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for people who have and continue to serve all peoples in higher education by providing service, leadership and guidance in the form of knowledge, and developing further opportunities for Indigenous higher education, P-20. The outcomes of service of the highest order have supported the establishment of processes that uphold Indigenous principles, values and customs. This

award allows for all people, Indigenous or otherwise, to be recognised and honoured for their gifts of leadership and especially service to Indigenous peoples.

Recipients of this award will have a history of being supporters of higher education development and opportunities for all people, whether it has been at local, national, or international levels. They may or may not have held high office of an educational institution, or of WINHEC but their contribution, energy, and support has been of the highest order. They may be or have been participants in research of note and published their findings. The award also carries a WINHEC Life Membership.

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CONFIRMED TIMELINE FOR NOMINATIONS AND NOTIFICATION TO APPROVED RECIPIENTS:

All nominations for the **WINHEC Circle of Honours** will be processed in accordance to the following timeline:

- a. **March 31.** Nominations submitted to WINHEC by Member Country/Nation/ State representatives, by email to the committee: winhecawards@gmail.com

If there are any questions, please contact the Co-Chairs via their email addresses below.

Jolan Hsieh at: jolan@gms.ndhu.edu.tw and

Elmer Guy at: eguy@navajotech.edu

- b. **June 30.** Recipients confirmed and notified by the WINHEC Executive Committee for recommendation to the WINHEC Executive Board
- c. Awards Conferral held during the WINHEC/WINU Annual General Meeting, scheduled annually in July or August. **Information is available on the WINHEC website regarding the Annual General Meeting with details of the Indigenous Host organisations.**

Thank you for your support of this very important and worthy recognition.

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OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM: WINHEC Circle of Honours

Section I: Details on Nominee

Nominee: _____

The above-referenced nominee is recommended for one of the following categories for a WINHEC Circle of Honours:

- CHIEFS OF INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP
 - ELDERS OF INDIGENOUS WISDOM
 - SCHOLARS OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE
 - SERVICE TO INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
- (check appropriate category and information).

Nominee Occupation and Institution: _____

Current Title: _____

(e.g. Professor, Colonel, The Reverend, Dr, Traditional Owner, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Mr.)

Contact Information:

E-mail: _____

Phone Home: _____ Work: _____

Mobile: _____ Nation/Country: _____

Tribal/Clan Affiliation: _____

Current Appointments / Honours Held: _____

Section II: Rationale for Nomination

A. Reasons for Recognition.

Please provide a factual statement of those services or activities for which it is considered the Nominee merits recognition. The statement should include details of any relevant positions held

and dates of service. If the services are voluntary this fact should be noted. Please DO NOT submit any original documents, testimonials and references which do not specifically relate to the WINHEC Circle of Honours nomination. Recognition as evidenced by books, videos, tape-recordings, and photographs may be duly noted and referenced. If the nomination is successful, information from this section may be used in announcements of any honour conferred.

All the above can be provided by way of a Resume or Curriculum Vitae.

B. Letters of Support (2).

At least two (2) Letters of Support should be submitted with this form, especially if the nominee is not well known beyond his or her home community or nation. Please list the names of persons, or organisations supporting this nomination.

Section III: Details of Nominator [Nominee: _____]

Nominator: _____

Occupation and Institute: _____

Current Title: _____

Contact Information: E-mail: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Mobile: _____

Nation/Country: _____ Tribal/Clan Affiliation: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Eg. Tribal/Clan/Family member, colleague, associate, employer/employee

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send this form and enclosures by email to the WINHEC Executive Co-Chairs to:

winhecawards@gmail.com

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Jolan Hsieh at: jolan@gms.ndhu.edu.tw and

Elmer Guy at: eguy@navajotech.edu

For WINHEC Executive Co-Chairs Use Only:

Date nomination received: _____

WINHEC Committee Board Meeting and date acknowledged:

Recommendation for: Approved _____ Declined _____ Incomplete _____

Executive Board Decision: Yes _____ No _____ Date of Action: _____

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