

Clubs and Societies Awards Policy

Clubs and Societies Awards are given out at the following events:

- **Volunteering & Academics Awards Evening**
- **Arts Dinner**
- **Sports Dinner**

These are annual awards run by the ICSM Students' Union to give thanks and recognition to societies and individuals who have either excelled in ICSM clubs and societies activity in the past year or given years of dedicated service to their societies.

Awards

The awards are to be presented at the relevant ICSM Students' Union Event. Only School of Medicine (ICSM) students can nominate individuals/societies. Nominations are:

- Open for at least 2 weeks.
- To be submitted via an official signposted submissions form.
- Able to be submitted by any student within ICSM, including self-nominations (excluding exceptions which are noted).

The quality of nominations received will have a greater weighting than the quantity of nominations per award.

Once the nominations period has closed, the ICSMSU Management Group will form a shortlist of up to 5 nominees per award. These will then be submitted to a panel to vote on the final winner. The panel will consist of:

- The ICSMSU President
- 1 ICSMSU Committee Member from Deputy President, Academics Chair, Entertainments Chair or Welfare Chair

The panel will also have relevant members from at least one organisation affiliated with ICSMSU, for example:

- ICSM Faculty of Medicine
- Imperial College Union
- Move Imperial
- St Mary's Hospital Association

Volunteering and Academics Awards Criteria

The below prizes are awarded at the Volunteering and Academics Awards Evening. For the 2024 event, we will be considering contributions from 30th October 2024 – 13th November 2024 (opening of nominations):

Best Science Teaching Series

Best Clinical Teaching Series

- These are awarded to a tutorial series, lecture series or equivalent which has shown a high level of student engagement, course relevance, and outstanding quality of teaching. The teaching series has had a positive impact on the student body.
- The Best Science Teaching Series must be directed at MBBS Year 1, 2 or 4, or BMB 1, 2, or 3 students.
- The Best Clinical Teaching Series must be directed at MBBS Year 3, 5 or 6 students.

Upcoming Society of the Year

- Awarded to a society that has 'grown' substantially. This 'growth' can be an increase in members, events being held, engagement, etc. The society has a positive impact on the student body, is run effectively, working above and beyond expectations of a society, and has taken steps to be sustainable.

We recommend using actual numbers when referring to applicable 'growth' (e.g. change in members) and this will be fact checked.

Best Community Initiative

- The winning initiative delivered a project with a positive impact on the wider community which had good engagement and promoted the values of the Union (integrity, democracy, inclusivity, accountability and/or ambition). This initiative also has provided itself with the best opportunity for continued success into the future.

Best Student Engagement

- This will be awarded to a society that engages regularly with its members throughout the year, allowing them to make the most of what the society offers. It will also be inclusive to all students and will deliver a positive impact on the student body.

Innovative Fundraiser

- Awarded to a successful fundraiser which is shown to be innovative and distinct from others like it or from previous years. It is inclusive and engaging to all students, has a positive impact and outlook, and raises money for a charitable cause. It is not necessarily the fundraiser raising the most money.

Innovative Conference

- Awarded to a successful conference which is shown to be innovative. This could be a newly set up conference, or an ongoing one that has incorporated new aspects, talks or workshops. It has a positive impact on the student body and is inclusive to students across years at ICSM.

Volunteering Scheme of the Year

- Awarded to a successful Volunteering Scheme, whether new or existing.
- Criteria the panel will consider: inclusivity, engagement with students, positive impact and outlook on both volunteers and those the scheme hope to help

Event of the Year

- Awarded to any event run by a Volunteering or Academic Society.
- Shortlisted to 5 by members of the Management Group and ICMSU. Students of ICSM will be able to vote on the nomination they believe was the best run and delivered event of the year.
- Criteria the panel will consider: delivery of the event to a high level of quality, student engagement, uniqueness, impact on either the student body, community or charities
- They do not need to have been the most attended or raised the most money

Students Choice Tutor – Science

Students Choice Tutor – Clinical Years

- Nominated by students (**no self-nomination allowed**), this is awarded to a student tutor, from any teaching series, that has gone above and beyond to help fellow students through their teaching.
- The Students Choice Tutor – Science is awarded to teaching directed at MBBS Year 1, 2 or 4, or BMB 1, 2, or 3 students.
- The Students Choice Tutor – Clinical Years is awarded to teaching directed at MBBS Year 3, 5 or 6 students.

Lifetime contribution to V&A Societies

- Nominated by students (no self-nominations).
- The lifetime contribution to V&A Societies must be directed at a current MBBS Year 6 or BMB Year 3 student.
- Criteria the panel will consider: dedication and breadth of responsibilities in Societies over multiple years, engagement with different societies, committee positions held, effort put into different societies and contributions to Volunteering and Academic societies.