

TropEco Sustainability Awards 2018 - Guidelines

TropEco is calling for nominations for the eighth annual TropEco Sustainability Awards for James Cook University, to be held in **Cairns on Tuesday 23rd October** and **Townsville on Wednesday 24th October**. The awards recognise and celebrate the JCU community's achievements in sustainable activities and initiatives. All JCU staff and students are eligible for the awards. Students, staff, alumni and members of the general public are invited to attend the ceremony.

Nominations can be made by any JCU employee, student or alumni and people may nominate themselves for an award. Groups of people, Colleges or Offices may also be nominated for all awards except the TropEco Excellence Awards.

This year there are seven award categories:

- **TropEco Excellence Award - Staff**
- **TropEco Excellence Award - Student**
- **Leadership & Governance**
- **Partnerships & Engagement**
- **Facilities & Operations**
- **Learning & Teaching**
- **Research**

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The awards align with the sustainability priority areas outlined in the [LiFE Index](#) – a sustainability benchmarking tool designed specifically for tertiary institutions that has been adopted by JCU.

Sustainable Development Goals

JCU was the first University to sign the [University Commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals](#) in 2016, and is now working toward actioning the goals where relevant with learning, teaching, research, engagement, facilities, operations and governance. Award nominations should identify which of the Sustainable Development Goals their nomination address using the tick box section of the application.



Nominate someone for an award

Nominating someone is simple and can be done by filling out the online [TropEco Sustainability Awards 2018 – Nomination Form](#) or email tropeco@jcu.edu.au to request a word copy.

Nominations close Friday 5th October.

For more information please contact tropeco@jcu.edu.au or call 4781 5060.

Award Categories

Nominations are called for the following award categories:

The TropEco Excellence Award - Staff

This award recognises a JCU staff member who has made a major contribution to sustainability at JCU in one or more areas in 2018. This is the premier staff award for sustainability achievements at JCU.

The TropEco Excellence Award - Student

This award recognises a JCU student who has made a major contribution to sustainability at JCU in one or more areas in 2018. This is the premier student award for sustainability achievements at JCU.

Leadership & Governance

This award recognises an individual or group who has contributed to developing a culture of sustainability at JCU.

The [LiFE Index](#) describes this category as: Building social responsibility and sustainability into institution-wide processes and management systems, ensuring they remain strategically important and are embedded into everyday institutional practices for long-term benefit.

Partnerships & Engagement

This award recognises an individual or group who has engaged with and/or developed partnerships with the JCU or wider community to help promote a more sustainable society.

The [LiFE Index](#) describes this category as: Building meaningful and productive relationships and engaging with peers to facilitate sustainable outcomes and encourage innovation. These conditions are vital for creating change toward sustainable development.

Facilities & Operations

This award recognises an individual or group who has contributed to a more sustainable JCU in its operations and/or facilities.

The [LiFE Index](#) describes this category as: Addressing sustainable development through effective environmental management. Delivering low carbon, 21st Century campuses that reflect institutions' commitment to social responsibility and sustainability.

Learning & Teaching

This award recognises an individual or group who has contributed to promoting the values of sustainability through Learning & Teaching.

The [LiFE Index](#) describes this category as: Realising institutions' potential to have a significant, long-term positive impact on society through formal and informal curricula, skills training and development and knowledge transfer. Ensuring students are exposed to learning experiences that maximise their opportunities to graduate as sustainability-literate citizens.

Research

This award recognises outstanding research into an area of sustainability and/or research that is conducted in a sustainable manner.

The [LiFE Index](#) describes this category as: both sustainable research, which relates to research that is set-up and/or delivered in a way that minimises environmental or social impacts, and; research into sustainability, which describes research that contributes to or develops knowledge or understanding of some element of sustainability. That is, research that progresses, improves or assists the environmental, social, cultural and economic frameworks without detrimental effects.