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**IN EVALUATION 2010**

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# AES Awards Evaluation Criteria

AWARD	DESCRIPTION	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
<b>TWO AWARDS: INDIVIDUAL EVALUATORS</b> (nominated by their peers)		
<b>EMERGING NEW TALENT AWARD</b> (Nominations must not exceed 5 pages.)	This award recognises emerging new evaluators who demonstrate the potential to contribute significantly to the field of evaluation, or who have made a significant contribution to the field of evaluation in a short period of working in the evaluation area.	quality leading edge contribution to knowledge effectiveness
<b>OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO EVALUATION (ET&amp;S) AWARD</b> (Nominations must not exceed 10 pages. Relevant attachments may be included.)	This award recognises an AES member for his/her outstanding contribution to evaluation.	quality leading edge contribution to knowledge equitable sustainable
<b>FIVE AWARDS RECOGNISING: ORGANISATIONS•PROJECT TEAMS•EVALUATION PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS</b> (nominated by the evaluators themselves)		
<b>BEST EVALUATION PUBLICATION (CAULLEY TULLOCH) AWARD</b> (Nominations must not exceed 5 pages)	This award recognises the best journal article, conference paper, research paper, undergraduate or postgraduate thesis or other peer reviewed publication in evaluation.	quality leading edge contribution to knowledge
<b>BEST EVALUATION STUDY AWARD</b> (Nominations must not exceed 7 pages. Relevant attachments must include an Executive Summary.)	This award recognises an individual or team that has conducted a specific evaluation study which has made or has the potential to make, a significant contribution to the practice or use of evaluation in Australasia.	quality leading edge contribution to knowledge effectiveness equitable sustainable
<b>BEST EVALUATION POLICY AND SYSTEMS AWARD</b> (Nominations must not exceed 10 pages. Relevant attachments must include a 2 page summary of the policy/system/framework/methodology.)	<p>This award recognises the work of an individual or team in developing the best evaluation policy, integrated evaluation system, evaluation program, framework and/or implementation of evaluation policies, systems, programs or frameworks.</p> <p>It is expected that the award will recognise work undertaken in partnership with clients or users who have championed the evaluation and can attest to increased value for their business or endeavour arising from the evaluation process or specific evaluation findings.</p> <p>The scope of the evaluation includes policies, programs, products, services, personnel, management strategies and other initiatives.</p>	quality leading edge contribution to knowledge effectiveness equitable sustainable
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION AWARD</b> (Nominations must not exceed 5 pages.)	This award encourages evaluations that contribute to and have made a demonstrable impact on community development. It recognises the needs of specific interest groups and/or those often not included or not effectively engaged in evaluation studies (e.g. culturally and linguistically diverse, Indigenous, youth). It also covers evaluations of overseas aid and/or development initiatives.	quality leading edge contribution to knowledge effectiveness equitable sustainable
<b>INDIGENOUS EVALUATION AWARD</b> (Nominations must not exceed 5 pages.)	<p>This award recognises policy, project or program evaluations that demonstrate sensitivity, professionalism, excellence and achievement in involving Indigenous communities, addressing Indigenous issues or with a significant benefit to Indigenous policy development.</p> <p>The award may also acknowledge the development of evaluation modelling, methods or techniques with a focus on the needs and perspectives of Indigenous communities or the Indigenous sector.</p>	quality leading edge contribution to knowledge effectiveness equitable sustainable

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**IN EVALUATION 2010****ABOUT THE AES**

The AES is the primary professional organisation in Australasia for people involved in evaluation (including evaluation practitioners, managers, teachers and students of evaluation, and other interested individuals). The AES undertakes a range of activities to improve the theory, practice and use of evaluation, including the annual Awards for Excellence in Evaluation. These awards are designed to encourage and recognise outstanding contributions to the theory and practice of evaluation, and are an important indicator of the Society's quality standards. For more information about the AES go to [www.aes.asn.au](http://www.aes.asn.au)

**ABOUT THE AES AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN EVALUATION**

The AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation provide significant peer recognition for leading evaluators evaluations, and evaluation practice in Australasia (Australia and New Zealand).

The award winners represent the best-in-class for each award category. Winning an AES Award offers significant peer recognition and, in the past has proven an important contributor to professional and commercial success and academic career progression.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE AES AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN EVALUATION**

To recognise and encourage evaluations, evaluators and evaluation practice that

**(a) adhere to the following principles:**

(the common principles)

- excellence
- professionalism
- ethical conduct.

**(b) are demonstrable exemplars of work that is:**

(the evaluation criteria)

- quality
- leading edge
- a contribution to knowledge
- effective
- equitable, and
- sustainable

**NOTE:**

The common principles apply equally to all nominations. All nominations must address the principles outlined in (a) above, and the particular criteria of those listed in (b) above that apply to each award (see following table).

**SEVEN AES AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN EVALUATION**

There are seven AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation which may be awarded each year. They are divided into two main categories:

**(a) Two awards that recognise individual evaluators**

(nominated by their peers)

1. Emerging New Talent Award
2. Outstanding Contribution to Evaluation Award (The ET&S Award)

**(b) Five awards that recognise organisations, project teams, evaluation projects or programs** (nominated by the evaluators themselves)

3. Best Evaluation Publication Award (Caulley Tulloch Award)
4. Best Evaluation Study Award
5. Best Evaluation Policy and Systems Award
6. Community Development Evaluation Award
7. Indigenous Evaluation Award

**ELIGIBILITY**

Nominees, or in the case of a group nomination, at least one nominee, must be a member of the AES for a minimum period of twelve months. Nominees for the Emerging New Talent Award are exempt from this requirement.

**AWARDS ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

The six assessment criteria defining excellence in evaluation in the awards are:

**quality** – of the evaluation or in the application of evaluation theory, principles, methods and practice – this involves appropriateness, fitness for purpose and technical quality;

**leading edge** – clearly an example of innovation and good practice in this class of evaluation (the specific award category);

**contribution to knowledge** – to improving/refining one or more of evaluation theory, scholarship, principles, methods and/or evaluation practice;

**effectiveness** – in achieving client/project objectives, in its response to context, in partnering and/or cross training with the client/s or in making a difference/delivering better client outcomes through the application of evaluation theory, principles, methods and practice;

**equitable** – inclusiveness through the advancement of the prospects, demonstrating fairness, social justice, equity and involvement of key stakeholders, including the effective engagement of special interest groups (culturally and linguistically diverse, Indigenous, youth, etc.); and

**sustainable** – providing continuity and sustainability of evaluation and/or the integration of evaluation as an ongoing component of client, agency or sectoral policy, programs, projects or services.

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## **nomination form**

For which award category are you nominating? (select one only):

**TWO AWARDS: INDIVIDUAL EVALUATORS**  
(nominated by their peers)

**Emerging New Talent Award**

**Outstanding Contribution to Evaluation (ET&S) Award**

**FIVE AWARDS RECOGNISING:**  
• **ORGANISATIONS • PROJECT TEAMS**  
• **EVALUATION PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS**  
(nominated by the evaluators themselves)

**Best Evaluation Publication (Caulley Tulloch) Award**

**Best Evaluation Study Award**

**Best Evaluation Policy and Systems Award**

**Community Development Evaluation Award**

**Indigenous Evaluation Award**

Title of nominated Project/Paper/Person (where applicable)

NOMINEE/S: (Where applicable, please include names of all team members)

Name/s

Organisation/s

Contact Address for correspondence

Email

Phone

Fax

Nominee/s must sign here to accept the nomination

Nominated by (please tick)  Self  Other (name and contact details)

**CHECK: Have you included:**

- 3 copies of the nomination form marked as "Original", "Copy 1", "Copy 2"
- 3 copies of the actual nomination document (publication/s, report/s) including a description of the nomination
- 3 copies of any other attachment/s or supporting documentation for the Awards Committee
- electronic copy of submission and supporting documentation (where possible) to aes@aes.asn.au

**Nominations must be received no later than close of business 30 June 2010 to:**

AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation  
PO Box 5223, Lyneham ACT 2602 AUSTRALIA

Nomination forms and answers to frequently asked questions are available at [www.aes.asn.au/awards](http://www.aes.asn.au/awards)

