**VUW Golds and Supreme Club Awards**

**STANDARDS 2017**

1. Every person nominated for a VUW Gold Award must be a student at, or have graduated from, Victoria University of Wellington - Te Whare Wananga o te Upoko o te Ika a Maui, in 2017.
2. Every person nominated for a VUW Gold must meet the criteria in Part A. For cultural fields that do not immediately fit these criteria, the Golds & Supreme Club Panel (“the Panel”) can determine the equivalent standard. Reaching these standards does not automatically ensure the recommendation of a VUW Gold by the Panel.
3. Notwithstanding the above criteria, final selection of nominees shall be decided by the Panel.

 **Part A: Golds Standards**

A Gold Award is the highest accolade Victoria University can bestow upon those students who demonstrate excellence and exceptional achievement in a chosen cultural field.

The nominee must demonstrate exceptional achievement in their chosen cultural field which may include:

1. Any title award at a recognised international competition, performance, or other event;
2. Formal selection for a recognised international competition, performance, or other event;
3. Any title award at a recognised national competition, performance, or other event;
4. Formal selection for a recognised national competition, performance, or other event;
5. Formal selection to represent a region for a recognised competition, performance, or other event;
6. An equivalent level of excellence and exceptional achievement as determined by the Panel.

In determining whether the nominee meets the requisite standard, the Panel may have regard to:

1. The scale, standard, and level of competition within the relevant cultural field;
2. The difficulty of the selection process;
3. The scale of representation of Victoria University within the relevant cultural field;
4. Any reviews, feedback, or other special mention relevant to the nominee’s achievement;
5. Expert opinion within the relevant cultural field;
6. Any other relevant factor that the Panel identifies.

AND

The nominee should demonstrate additional engagement in their chosen cultural field, which may include:

1. Mentoring, coaching, or teaching others within the relevant cultural field;
2. Contribution to the club or group that the nominee represents;
3. Level of commitment to the relevant cultural field; and
4. Contribution to the relevant cultural field within Victoria University.