

2020 AUSTRALIAN IMPACT INVESTMENT AWARDS RULES & GUIDELINES

The Impact Investing Hub and the Impact Investment Summit Asia Pacific have collaborated to run the 2020 Australian Impact Investment Awards on Wednesday 16 December 2020.

The judging panel will work to identify one nomination in each of the following five categories, from Australia, who nominates himself/herself or his/her organisation or is nominated by any member of the public. The reference to nominees from Australia reflects the Awards' main mandate to recognise contributions to growing the Australian impact investing ecosystem. This is not limited to Australian citizens but can include individuals or organisations whose work has supported the growth of the Australian market.

Three of these honours are only available for organisations, one for either an organisation or an individual, and one only for an individual. Across all the five categories, the judges will look for catalytic action, courageous first movers, scaling of capital and impact and building critical infrastructure (e.g. new institutions). With the following criteria in mind, the judges will be looking for real pioneers who have left security of day jobs, taken professional and sometimes personal risks to till the ground and move the impact investment sector forward.

- ❑ **IMPACT ASSET OWNER OF THE YEAR.** The honour will be conferred upon an institutional investor, philanthropy/foundation, DFI/Government, Family Office/HNWI or Corporation, who during the year creates a market-leading benchmark in capital allocation, distinctive investment theme, documented impact, new portfolio approach, tools & frameworks, and in the process, sets new standards for the impact investment industry.
- ❑ **IMPACT ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR.** The honour will be conferred upon either a profit with purpose company (i.e., a social enterprise) or a non-profit social service provider actively using impact investments, which demonstrates a scalable solution which truly innovates in technology, cost or impact, efficiency or effectiveness and sets new impact standards for research and development.
- ❑ **IMPACT ASSET MANAGER OF THE YEAR.** The honour will be conferred on a Fund, Bank, Dealmaker or Intermediary, who sets a new sector benchmark in product innovation, marquee first-time LPs, attracting commercial or non-traditional capital, investment themes, documented impact or new portfolio approach, tools & frameworks, and in the process, sets new standards for capital allocation in the impact investment industry.
- ❑ **IMPACT MARKET BUILDER OF THE YEAR.** The honour will be conferred on a government, policy think tank or a professional services company, for example in research, consulting, impact measurement, talent management or auditing which pushes sectoral thinking or catalyses field development efforts. Individuals with extraordinary contributions may also be considered in this category (although you should also nominate for the individual category below). It should demonstrate acceptance by sector players through a few marquee clients amongst capital providers, entrepreneurs and intermediaries.
- ❑ **INDIVIDUAL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** The honour will be conferred on an individual that has made a outstanding achievement in the past year to support the growth of the Australian impact investment market. This award recognises an innovation, vision, significant change or development driven by the nominee that could be applied more broadly throughout the impact investing ecosystem.

All applicants are encouraged to apply online at <https://www.impactinvestmentawards.com.au/>
Applications include details of your organisation, purpose & services, operating performance, financial performance, team & leadership, and most importantly, the honour-worthy initiatives.

Please note that the judges will only have reference to the text in the nomination form and will not be able to consider links to external material. It is possible to nominate the same organisation or individual in multiple categories.

In case of questions or challenges with online submission, please contact our Awards Coordinator Jessica Liang at: Jessica.Liang@socialimpacthub.org.

The decision of the judging panel will be final and binding. These Guidelines have been adapted from the Global Steering Group for Impact Investment Honors application process. We thank the GSGII for sharing their application process with us.