

Regulations UM Student Award

The UM Student Award is a token of appreciation for students or groups of students who have been able to deliver remarkable social and/or cultural performances in addition to their studies.

1. To be eligible for nomination a student or group of students has to meet the following criteria:
 - the student or group of students is characterized by an exceptional dedication and a strong commitment to UM;
 - the student or group of students has delivered a special social or cultural achievement in addition to the study;
 - the student or group of students has a positive effect on the image of students in general and UM students in particular;
 - the student or group of students has achieved reasonable to good study results.
2. The person that sends in a nomination does not have to belong to the university community.
3. A student or group of students cannot nominate himself/itself.
4. A student or group of students cannot be nominated for more than one initiative.
5. Nominations for the UM Student Award are recruited via an advertisement in the *Observant*, on the website of SIH and e-mails/letters to students and employees of Maastricht University.
6. By using the recommendation form on the UM website a nomination will be sent automatically to umstudentaward@maastrichtuniversity.nl.
7. A nomination must be in line with the Strategic Program 2022-2026 with a focus on good health and well-being, quality education, climate action and peace, justice and strong institutions, improving broad prosperity in the (eu) region, Europe and worldwide, fair and sustainably society without poverty, taking into account the UM core values, such as diversity and inclusivity, sustainability, mutual respect, integrity, democratic principles and transparency.
8. Nominations have to be submitted each year before **1 April**.
9. Anonymous nominations will not be processed.
10. The Jury of the UM Student Award is chaired by the Rector Magnificus. The other members of the Jury are a student of the University Council, the managing board of the Student Services Centre and the chairperson of the UM Student Guidance department.
11. Members of the Jury are excluded from participation and are not allowed to nominate.
12. The recommendations are assessed on social, cultural and social impact and sustainability. From the recommendations, the Jury compiles a shortlist of five nominations. From this shortlist, the Jury chooses the final winner.
13. Depending on the amount and quality of the nominees the Jury can decide to:
 - not grant the award;
 - award honorable mentions (whether or not next to the award).
14. The UM Student Award is presented during the Opening of the Academic Year.
15. The award that is presented to the student, consists of a certificate and a money amount of € 1000,-. A photo portrait will be on display on the 'student wall of fame' in the administrative building of Maastricht University.