

# UM Notable Alumni - Selection Guidelines

## What is UM Notable Alumni?

UM Notable Alumni celebrates Maastricht University alumni who have made an exceptional contribution to their field, to society or to Maastricht University. The initiative aims to recognise inspiring alumni and showcase the impact of our graduates to students, fellow alumni and the wider UM community.

## Who can be nominated?

A nominee should:

- have graduated from Maastricht University with a Bachelor's, Master's or PhD;
- normally have graduated at least five years ago;
- have demonstrated significant professional, scientific, societal, cultural, creative or sporting impact;
- be willing to participate in the initiative and have their profile published on the UM website.

In exceptional cases, we may consider nominees who do not meet all of these criteria.

## What are we looking for?

Candidates should have made a demonstrable and exceptional impact in at least one of the following areas:

### Professional achievement

Leadership, entrepreneurship, influential positions, or outstanding achievements within the private or public sector.

### Scientific and innovative impact

Significant contributions to research, innovation, knowledge development, publications, patents, spin-offs or other scientific achievements.

### Societal impact

Contributions to society through policy, education, healthcare, sustainability, social organisations, equal opportunities or other initiatives that have had a positive impact on communities.

### Cultural, creative or sporting impact

Notable achievements as an artist, author, journalist, performer, athlete or other contributions to culture, creativity or sport.

### **Connection to Maastricht University (additional)**

Continued involvement with UM, for example through mentoring, guest lectures, research collaborations, alumni activities, ambassadorship or philanthropic support. This is an additional consideration rather than a requirement.

### **What else do we consider?**

In addition to a candidate's achievements and impact, we consider:

- Reputation and integrity: candidates should act in accordance with the values and ethical standards of Maastricht University.
- Inspirational value: we look for alumni whose achievements, experiences or contributions can inspire students, alumni and the wider UM community.
- Diversity and representation: we aim to showcase the breadth of the UM community across faculties, disciplines, sectors and geographical regions.

### **How are nominees selected?**

Nominations can be submitted by alumni, students, staff, faculties and members of the wider community. The Alumni Office reviews nominations against the above guidelines and selects alumni for inclusion in UM Notable Alumni.

Being nominated does not automatically mean that someone will be selected. We may contact the nominator for additional information where necessary.