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2020 Global Sustainability Awards Launch with Support from the UN

The International Green Gown Awards, supported by UN Environment, recognise exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by universities and colleges around the globe and are now open for the 2020 Awards cycle.

The Awards are the most prestigious recognition of sustainability best practice within the global education sector and cover all aspects of educational institutions – from their teaching and research, leadership, buildings and food, to how students can benefit the quality of life in the communities around them.

Iain Patton, CEO of EAUC, the Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education, which delivers the International Green Gown Awards, said, “As the Climate Crisis is increasingly recognised as the most pressing issue our world faces, the International Green Gown Awards put a spotlight on the innovative and inspiring sustainability work taking place in universities and colleges to create a brighter future for their students around the world. The Awards provide the sector with benchmarks for excellence and are respected by Governments, funding councils, senior management, academics and students.”

The 2020 Awards are also supported by the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative, The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), L’Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) and International Association of Universities (IAU).

The International Green Gown Awards are open to any university or college across the world*. Interested Institutions can apply to three categories:

- **Benefitting Society**
- **Student Engagement**
- **Sustainability Institution of the Year**

There is no limit on the number of applications or categories each institution can enter. Entry is free of charge and the deadline for applications is 31 March 2020.

For further information visit [http://www.greengownawards.org/international-green-gown-awards](http://www.greengownawards.org/international-green-gown-awards)

*Exceptions

If your region already has an existing Green Gown Awards programme then you can only apply once to your regional Green Gown Award programme and are NOT eligible to apply for the International Green Gown Awards. If your institution has a campus outside of these regions then the regional campus initiatives are eligible for entry. The following Green Gown Award programmes exist:

- UK & Ireland Green Gown Awards
- Australasia Green Gown Awards
- Les Trophées des campus responsables Francophones (French speaking worldwide)
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About the International Green Gown Awards

The Green Gown Awards are delivered on a regional basis in Australasia, United Kingdom and Ireland, French-speaking regions worldwide and to the rest of the world through the International Green Gown Awards. The winners of each region go head to head with Finalists from the rest of the world for the coveted International Green Gown Awards. The Green Gown Awards were founded by HEEPI (UK), and are administered by an International Steering Group. Further information is available here: http://www.greengownawards.org/. Visit the showcase of 500+ case studies and videos from past Green Gown Awards’ winners, highly commended and finalists http://www.sustainabilityexchange.ac.uk/green_gown_awards1