

Press release

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Announcing the 2023 International Green Gown Award Winners

- Allianz Global Investors partners with International Green Gown Awards to promote exceptional sustainability initiatives at world's universities and colleges, encouraging the next generation to take action on sustainability
- Winners were announced on 17 July 2023 as part of the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
- An impressive 64% increase in the total number of Finalists in 2023 year-on-year, with 93 Finalists from 25 countries from across the world, spanning eight categories

18 July 2023 | EAUC - The Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education (EAUC) and Allianz Global Investors, one of the world's leading active investment managers, announced today the winners of the 2023 International Green Gown Awards, among 93 Finalists from 25 countries from across the world.

The winners were first revealed at the International Green Gown Awards Ceremony on 17 July 2023 as part of the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Endorsed by United Nations Environment Programme and supported by The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), L'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), the International Association of Universities (IAU), and the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), the International Green Gown Awards recognise and celebrate the exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by universities and colleges across the world. Now in the second year of its three-year partnership with the International Green Gown Awards, Allianz Global Investors is delighted to see more engagement and participation.

Matt Christensen, Global Head of Sustainable & Impact Investing at Allianz Global Investors, says: *"It's encouraging to witness another successful year for the International Green Gown Awards since our partnership began last year, with very clear examples of ideas and projects from so many universities and colleges. We will continue to support and encourage more brilliant minds to innovate ground-breaking ideas, inspire each other, and motivate others to focus efforts on a more sustainable future."*

Charlotte Bonner, CEO, EAUC and Green Gown Awards Secretariat, says:

"We are delighted to announce our 2023 winners! Their stories demonstrate considerable impact showing how institutions are taking sustainability action, equipping learners for their futures and shaping society for the better. We can all take inspiration from their work to progress and accelerate sustainability action. Our winners of course demonstrate impactful, innovative practice and have provided an honest narrative about what's worked well but also recognised the 'bumps in the road' and the lessons learned"

along the way. That takes bravery and confidence and humility. From India to Colombia to Malaysia and Canada and many more, our winners show how important it is for higher, further, and technical and vocational education and training institutions to tackle the climate and biodiversity crises. With such fantastic projects, we are already looking forward to hearing from many more institutions in 2024!"

Here are the 2023 winners of the International Green Gown Awards:

2030 Climate Action

WINNER: Borders College, UK

Highly Commended: Central American University, Nicaragua

Highly Commended: Red Deer Polytechnic, Canada

Benefitting Society

WINNER (Small Institution): Centro Universitário Facens, Brazil

WINNER (Small Institution): International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia (Trash to Treasure)

Highly Commended: International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia (YSM Agropreneuers)

Highly Commended: University of Tasmania, Australia

Creating Impact

WINNER: Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola, Peru

Highly Commended: University of Warsaw, Poland

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Sustainability

WINNER (Small Institution): Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, India

WINNER (Large Institution): University of West of England, Bristol, UK

Highly Commended: The University of Faisalabad, Pakistan

Nature Positive

WINNER: Universidad del Norte, Colombia

Highly Commended: Management and Science University, Malaysia

Highly Commended: Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture Multan, Pakistan

Next Generation Learning and Skills

WINNER (Small Institution): St.Teresa's College, India

WINNER (Large Institution): Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola, Peru

Highly Commended: Centro Universitário Facens, Brazil

Highly Commended: Corporación Universitaria Minuto de Dios, Colombia

Highly Commended: Brunel University London, UK

Highly Commended: University of Tasmania, Australia

Student Engagement

WINNER (Large Institution): Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou – University of Otago, New Zealand

WINNER (Small Institution): The University of Faisalabad, Pakistan

Highly Commended: Toulouse Business School, France

Sustainability Institution of the Year

WINNER: University College Cork, Ireland

Highly Commended: UniLaSalle, France

The International Green Gown Awards Ceremony and the winners' projects can be found here:

<https://www.greengownawards.org/2023-intl-finalists>

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About the Green Gown Awards

Established in 2004, the Green Gown Awards recognise the exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by universities, colleges and the learning and skills sectors across the world as the education sector leads a path to efficiency, employability and better quality of life for all. The Green Gown Awards are administered by the EAUC – the Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education.

The Green Gown Awards are also delivered on a regional basis in Australasia, UK and Ireland, French speaking as well as the International Green Gown Awards supported by the United Nations Environment Programme, the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative, The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), L'Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), the International Association of Universities (IAU) and the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI).

For more information visit <http://www.greengownawards.org> and follow us on Twitter @greengowns or on LinkedIn here (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/green-gown-awards/>).

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