**Alumni Awards Nomination Form**

The Ireland United States Alumni Association (IUSA) and U.S. Embassy Dublin seek nominations for the inaugural alumni awards program. In addition to expressing appreciation to the distinguished individuals honored, IUSA and the Embassy, through this award, seek to raise public awareness of the critical role played by alumni of U.S. exchange programs, including J1 alumni, in Irish society today.  The award will be presented at IUSA’s annual conference in January 2015 and two categories of nominations will be considered.

**IUSA Distinguished Alumni Award**

The IUSA Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Ireland-United States Alumni Association (IUSA). The purpose of the award is to honor alumni of U.S. exchange programs who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to promoting the special relationship between then United States and Ireland, who have made outstanding contributions in professional or philanthropic pursuits, or who have participated in service related to the Ireland-United States Alumni Association. Nominations should provide substantive examples of how the alumna/alumnus has made a positive impact in their community or profession.

**IUSA Emerging Leader Award**

This award recognizes young alumni of U.S. exchange programs, including J1 alumni, who have made a significant contribution to their community and have demonstrated the potential for leadership and continuing service.  Nominees must have completed their exchange within the past ten years. Nominations should provide substantive examples of how the alumna/alumnus has made a positive impact in their community or profession after returning from their exchange program. There is an expectation that the nominee is in the beginning of what will be a long-term distinguished career or role

**Criteria and Procedures**

To nominate someone, please review the criteria below and then complete the form.

1. Nominees must be alumni of an exchange program, or J1 program, and should be persons who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen business, profession or life's work, or in their service to society.
2. Nominees should be committed to supporting U.S.-Ireland ties, having made outstanding contributions by their scholarship, philanthropy or service to the alumni network.
3. Winners must be persons willing to participate in the award ceremony at the annual conference on January 24, 2015, and in future activities with Ireland United States alumni network.
4. Award Selection Committee members are not eligible for the award.
5. *Nominations must be received by****Monday, December 8, 2014 at noon****, to be considered. Please submit the completed submission form to* *KeoghKM@state.gov**.*

**Nominator Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Exchange Program & Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Details (phone, email address): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Nominee Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Exchange Program & Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Details (phone, email address): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Are you nominating this person for:**

**□ Distinguished Alumni Award or**

**□ Emerging Leader Award?**

**Please explain in the box below why you are nominating this individual for either the IUSA Distinguished Alumni Award or the IUSA Emerging Leader Award. Your explanation should include a description of the nominee's contributions to U.S.-Ireland ties, supporting the alumni network, and/or giving back to their community upon returning from their exchange. These contributions should relate to the nominee's professional achievements, service or philanthropy.**

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**If possible, please also attach your nominee's resume or biography.**

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