**Alumni Awards Nomination Form**

The Ireland United States Alumni Association (IUSA) and U.S. Embassy Dublin seek nominations for the Annual 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 Conference and Awards Dinner in January 2018 and two categories of nominations will be considered.

For further information and profiles of the inaugural award winners: <http://www.irishusalumni.com/award/>

**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 and send to O’DonovanSD@state.gov. Please note you may not nominate yourself.

1. Nominees must be alumni of a U.S. government exchange program, including the 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 and have contributed to this 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 and awards dinner on January 25, 2018, and in future activities with the Ireland United States Alumni Association network.
4. People may not nominate themselves and Award Selection Committee members are not eligible for the award.
5. *Nominations must be received by****Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at noon*** *by emailing to O’DonovanSD@state.gov*

**Award Nomination**

**Nominee Full Name:**

**Exchange Program & Year:**

**Current Status (job title/company; program of study):**

**Mobile:**

**Email:**

**Nominator Full Name:**

**Mobile:**

**Email:**

**Are you nominating this person for:**

**□ Distinguished Alumni Award or**

**□ Emerging Leader Award?**

**Please give a short bio (6 – 8 lines) for the nominee.**

**Please briefly explain why you are nominating this individual for either the IUSA Distinguished Alumni Award or the IUSA Emerging Leader Award – no more than two paragraphs.** Your explanation should include a description of the nominee's contributions to U.S.-Ireland ties, contribution to professional/philanthropic pursuits, supporting the alumni network, and/or positive impact on community upon returning from their exchange.

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