

AWARDS®

2024 Awards Criteria

**CITY
STUDENTS'
UNION**

Introduction

At City Students' Union, we seek to make every day better for our students. We recognise that our Student Groups and Sports Clubs are an important part of that mission, making every day better by helping students make friends, find their passions, and have an amazing time at City.

For this reason, reward and recognition could not be more important. We want to recognise the impact our groups, clubs, and individuals have had on life at City, and what better way to do that than via our annual SU Awards.

Below are the criteria for each award, along with eligibility and nomination information. All students and staff at City can submit nominations, and there are no limits to the number of nominations you can submit. You are also welcome to nominate yourself, your sports club, or your society for any of the awards you are eligible for.

STUDENT GROUPS AWARDS

Award	Description	Criteria/Considerations
Society of the Year	This award, the most prestigious of our society awards, showcases the society that has had the biggest impact this year. From excellent engagement, to regular activity, this award recognises a society that has greatly enhanced the student experience for its members, and made every day better for students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How active the society has been. • How many students have purchased a membership to this society. • How the society has engaged with its members, the SU and the wider student body. • How the society has enhanced the student experience and contributed positively to life on campus. • How the society has contributed to the SU aim of 'make every day better'.
Committee Member of the Year	The Committee Member of the Year Award recognises a standout committee member that has gone above and beyond for their society. It recognises the work of a committee member in running any aspect of a society and contributing to its overall aims.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the committee member has contributed to the running of the society. • How the committee member has excelled in their role. • How the committee member went above and beyond for their society and their members.
Academic Society of the Year	This award seeks to highlight the achievements of our Academic Societies. An Academic Society is a society based around a course/department here at City. From supporting their members through exams, to hosting amazing social events for students on a particular course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the society has engaged with members on the associated courses/departments. • How many members the society has. • How the society has represented and

	<p>or programme, Academic Societies are a pillar of student life at City.</p> <p>This award recognises an Academic Society that has represented members' interests and helped to build community in and around courses and departments.</p>	supported members' academic interests.
EDI Award (in collaboration with the City Office for Institutional Equity and Inclusion)	The EDI Award recognises a society or individual that has worked tirelessly to ensure that Equality, Diversity and Inclusion remain at the core of what they do.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the society/individual has focused on accessibility. • How the society/individual has worked on EDI initiatives and campaigns. • How the society/individual has broken down barriers for under-represented students.
Employability Society of the Year (in collaboration with the City Careers team)	<p>The award recognises a Society which has most effectively collaborated with Careers and Employability to organise activities / events for its members which have enhanced their employability. Such activities or events will have enhanced student understanding of relevant career options, developed skills and / or provided networking opportunities for students to develop industry connections.</p> <p>NOTE ON SUBMISSIONS</p> <p>For this award, you must include a 500 word summary covering the criteria above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of effective collaboration with Careers and Employability. • High quality events / activities which have enhanced the employability of society members. • Good engagement by society members with the employability related activities / events. • Good engagement by society members with broader employability activities / events provided by Careers and Employability.

	<p>Please note that by submitting your nomination you are agreeing to provide a short video (1 min max) summarising the benefits your society has gained through working with Careers and Employability if you win the award. By submitting this award entry you are agreeing to Careers and Employability and the SU having the right to use this video on social media channels.</p>	
Best New Society	<p>This award recognises the development and growth of a society established this academic year (23/24). Starting a new group is a fantastic opportunity for students, and this award highlights a group that has utilised this to the fullest.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE: Only groups established in or after July 2023 are eligible for this award. • How the society has worked to establish itself at City. • What activity the society has hosted, and how they have engaged with students and the SU. • How the society has built the infrastructure to last for future years.
Most Improved Society	<p>This award is for a society that has improved drastically over the past year. We know it's not easy starting a society, and some years are certainly more difficult than others This award acknowledges that difficulty, and rewards a society that has really turned it around.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the society has sought to engage members. • How the society has made improvements on previous years. • What activity the society has hosted in comparison to previous years. • How membership and event attendance compares to previous years.
Event of the Year	<p>This award highlights an outstanding event, from its</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance of the event.

	<p>inception to its delivery, that contributed positively to life on campus. It recognises the impact events can have on the student experience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What made the event stand out. • How the event engaged members. • What went into the planning and delivery of the event. • How the event helped to build community on campus.
<p>Fundraising Champion</p>	<p>This award seeks to recognise the amazing work our societies do fundraising for a variety of charities and social causes. From bake sales to active campaigns to donation drives, this award is for a society that has contributed to a cause they are passionate about.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the society has raised funds or awareness for a cause. • How much has been raised. • How members were engaged in these fundraising efforts.

SPORTS AWARDS

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Club Colours	<p>Club Colours can be awarded to sports team members (a maximum of 2 per team) provided they meet the criteria. Club Colours are awarded to City University sports team members who have provided outstanding service to a team. They must have shown outstanding commitment in at least one of the following areas: attendance at training, availability to play matches, team organisation, team volunteering activities and/or team charitable fundraising. Club Colours are a great chance to celebrate the 'unsung heroes' in our sports teams as well as the 'stars'.</p> <p>Being a team captain is by no means an automatic qualification for Club Colours. Nominations are open to any registered member of a team.</p>	<p>Must meet 3 out of 4 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 80% attendance at training. • Available for all fixtures. • Assisted in teams/club's organisation and administration duties. • Stepped in as coach/umpire/referee to help the club/sports department out.
Half Colours	<p>Half Colours are awarded to any number of sports team members or individual competitors who have been selected for a BUCS/SESSA or an equivalent students' competition to represent on a regional level, or selected to compete at regional level in a national competition (including non-student competitions). For example, an active member of the City University rugby team who has been selected for England Rugby's London & South East</p>	

	<p>Senior Academy in the current season.</p> <p>Half Colours can only be awarded if the student was selected to compete at regional level in the current season and is also an active sports team member or individual competitor for City University.</p>	
Full Colours	<p>Full Colours are awarded to any number of sports team members or individual competitors who have participated at national or international level after a selection process. For example, they have been selected for an England, Wales or Scotland national team (student or non-student squad).</p> <p>Full Colours can only be awarded if the student was selected to compete at national or international level in the current season and is also an active sports team member or individual competitor for City University.</p>	
Team Player of the Year	Awarded to a City, University of London sports team member who has made a significant impact on their team with their performance on the pitch/court.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant impact on team performance. • Positive Impact on training. • Positive sporting behaviour. • Available for majority of fixtures.
Service to Sport Award	Given in recognition of an individual (player, committee member, coach, fan or other) who has shown remarkable commitment to a particular City, University of London sports team and/or the TeamCity community as a whole. They will have gone above and beyond what is	

	<p>expected to make a significant impact on sports at City University. This may include catalysing improvements of, or ensuring the success of, training sessions, matches, team volunteering, charitable fundraising and other team-related events. Likewise, TeamCity events and initiatives.</p>	
Captain of the Year	<p>This award is chosen by staff.</p> <p>This award seeks to highlight a captain that has demonstrated a positive attitude, commitment, organisation and leadership in this current season. All registered captains, co-captains and vice-captains for the current season will be considered automatically. It is not possible to submit nominations for this award.</p>	
Social Media Champion	<p>The Social Media Champion Award is awarded to an individual or a club that has displayed strong online presence and social media usage, meeting the criteria stated here.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Presence across the year. • How has digital engagement for the club been improved? • Has information been effectively provided to members and supporters in a professional and creative way? • Have social media trends been taken into consideration?
Most Improved Club	<p>This award is given to the club that has demonstrated the greatest development from previous years. This may include membership increases, improved opportunities for members, better results, and much more.</p>	<p>Areas of consideration for this award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much improved performance in their sport in domestic or international competitions. Results

		<p>and finishing positions from competitions should support this application and also taking into account the club that has demonstrated the greatest development from previous years, on an operational level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further development of committee structures and roles to improve the club. • Further development of a coaching structure that provides a well-managed and high level of coaching to all members, catering for their differing abilities and aspirations. • Introduction of innovative, student led projects that have increased participation, membership and inclusion of the club. • Development of a diverse range of opportunities available to members, both competitive and social.
Club of the Year	Awarded to the club that has offered the best service to its members and has contributed the most to the development and promotion of sport at City University.	<p>Key criteria that will be considered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment and retention of members. • Communication and engagement both with

		<p>club members and with the wider community through social media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service to members e.g. offering a wide range of team activities such as socials, volunteering as well as training and matches. • Proactive efforts to be inclusive of students of all abilities and backgrounds. • Attendance at SU events such as Societies and Sports in the Square, Welcome Fair, etc.
<p>Team of the Year</p>	<p>This trophy is awarded for outstanding sporting success in the current season. Any sports team that has competed on behalf of City University in a BUCS or equivalent competition is eligible for this award. Please state clearly which team you are nominating, i.e. gender and 1st, 2nd, etc.</p> <p>The achievements of team members who have competed at individuals' competitions (and therefore at the time they were competing they were not doing so as part of a team) cannot count towards this award.</p>	

CARROT AWARDS

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Carrot Award Bronze	The Carrot Awards date back to 1935 and highlight any individual, student or staff , who has gone above and beyond to contribute to life at City. From a student in a leadership position to a staff member who made an impact on your time here, you can nominate anyone that you feels deserves to be recognised for their work. Please note you can only be shortlisted for one Carrot Award tier.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any individual at City who has contributed positively to student life or made an impact to your time here.
Carrot Award Silver	Please see above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All considerations in the previous tier. Any individual that has contributed to building community at City. An individual who holds positions of leadership within the University of SU, and has used these to make every day better for other students.
Carrot Award Gold	Please see above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All considerations in previous tiers. Any individual that has gone above and beyond to make a difference at City at the highest, most senior levels.