# TEFMA CLEVER CAMPUS AWARDS

**INSTITUTION OF THE YEAR AWARD**

General information for applicants

The TEFMA **Institution of the Year Award** recognises outstanding professional practice by a member institution in any aspect of higher education property, sustainability and/or facilities management.

The **Institution of the Year Award** recognises a member institution that has displayed excellence and outstanding practice in a significant aspect of the management of its property and facilities. Applications for this award are expected to demonstrate the essential role played by exemplary property and facilities management in relation to an institution’s vision, strategic and operational plans, and to demonstrably contribute to the wider tertiary FM sector.

Award applications will be evaluated on the basis of the criteria set out below.

As well as sector recognition, the award winner will receive a uniquely designed, hand crafted trophy, certificate and gift card.

Application dates

Applications for the **Institution of the Year Award** open at the end of March each year.

To be considered for the **Institution of the Year Award** applications and supporting material should be received by TEFMA no later than **5pm AEST on the closing date** as noted on the [TEFMA website](https://www.tefma.com/scholarships). If an extension is required, this request is to be received in writing by the Secretariat by this date.

Submissions must be made on the official application form.

[Award criteria](#criteria) should be addressed in applications.

Assessment of applications and presentation of awards

Selection of the successful applicant will be approved by the TEFMA Board following receipt of a recommendation from a panel established to review the applications.

The review panel will include the following members:

* Deputy Chair, Membership Services Committee
* TEFMA General Manager
* A Past-President of TEFMA.
* Additional panel members may be included at the discretion of the Membership Services Committee Chair

Applications will be judged against the published criteria. Panel deliberations will be confidential, and the judges’ decisions are final. No correspondence or appeal process will be entered into.

The judging panel may decide not to award if it deems that no suitable applications have been received.

Nominated institutions or individuals may be asked to host a site review by an evaluation panel (or representative) responsible for assessing the applications.

Evaluation of applications for the scholarship will be completed in June / July, with those short-listed to be contacted at least 4 weeks prior to the annual TEFMA Conference. The successful applicant will be announced at the [TEFMA Clever Campus Awards Dinner](https://www.tefma.com/annual-awards-dinner), which forms part of the annual TEFMA Conference. Details on the TEFMA Conference can be found via the [Conference website](https://tefmaconference.com/). Should there be any reason the Clever Campus Awards Dinner is unable to take place in person, an online event will be hosted.

The award winner and / or their nominator may be asked to make a brief presentation, including a 2-minute video, on receiving the award at the TEFMA Clever Campus Awards Dinner. Runners up may have the opportunity to have their 2-minute electronic presentations on display at the Awards Dinner venue.

Non award winning entries are able to be upgraded and resubmitted in a subsequent year.

Eligibility

The **Institution of the Year Award** is open for applications from any TEFMA Member Institution.

Institutions with outstanding achievements in relevant areas during the past year are encouraged to apply.

Institutions with multiple campuses may submit applications pertaining to the whole institution or for an individual campus.

There is no limit on the number of applications from one institution.

Institution of the Year Award criteria

Applications should clearly reference the criteria provided. Words provided are a prompt only, to assist those completing an application, but are not intended to be exhaustive.

1. Background

A thoughtful and creative approach to dealing with a property and / or facilities management situation in a member institution should be demonstrated, with outstanding work resulting in significant learnings and a contribution of great value both to the institution and the wider tertiary sector.

The work should be considered best practice, exhibiting professionalism and demonstrating quality outcomes for the benefit of staff, students and visitors.

1. Organisational impact

Applications should reference some or all of the following:

* Impact: The work has created a lasting positive impact on the organisation, in line with organisational objectives.
* Customer relationships: Excellence in customer relationship management has been displayed, with customer needs and expectations met and / or exceeded.
* Organisational relationships: Excellence in organisational relationship management has been showcased through outstanding leadership and / or teamwork, with creation of an environment fostering a high level of professionalism, resulting in excellent performance outcomes.

1. Management practice

Applications should reference some or all of the following:

* Strategic and operational planning: Quality planning, where alignment with organisational objectives, clarity of purpose and goal setting, measurement and reporting, have resulted in outstanding results for the benefits of the students, staff and visitors of the organisation.
* Process improvement: Business effectiveness has measurably increased as a result of a new or improved robust and sustainable process; technical, administrative or other process types may be addressed.
* Research: Accurate and objective information gathering and well-planned analysis have resulted in increased knowledge and quality new information being identified, with direct application to its purpose.
* Innovation: A creative approach to problem solving to achieve resolution of a significant issue has led to greatly improved results for the benefit of customers and the organisation.
* Delivery: Excellence in management of service or project delivery has resulted in outstanding outcomes for the benefit of students, staff and visitors to the organisation.
* Partnership: Opportunities for partnership and different business models have been explored, resulting in measurable business improvements.

Application form

Instructions

1. To be considered for this award you must provide the following:

* Completed [application form](#application).
* Supporting materials (if any).
* Details of any additional material to be made available should the judging panel choose to make a site visit.

1. All sections of the application form must be completed for an application to be considered.
2. Applications must be endorsed and signed by the relevant Institutional Member.
3. Applications must be submitted online via the Online Submission Portal [HERE.](https://tas.currinda.com/register/event/2323)
4. Save your file name as YOURSURNAME\_AWARDNAME\_datesubmitted i.e. SMITH\_INSTITUTION OTY\_15.05.24. Word or PDF is acceptable.
5. If you have supporting documents (up to 2 supporting documents can be uploaded), please ensure they are saved as YOURNAME\_AWARD NAME\_Attachment A or Attachment B i.e. i.e. SMITH\_ INSTITUTION OTY \_ATTACHMENT A
6. Once you have submitted your scholarship, you will receive an automatic email within 24 hours. If you do not receive an email, please email the TEFMA Secretariat: [info@tefma.com](mailto:info@tefma.com) to confirm your application has been uploaded correctly.
7. Applications are due by **5pm AEST as noted on the TEFMA website,** unless otherwise agreed**.** Please contact the TEFMA Secretariat on +61 2 9431 8692 or [info@tefma.com](mailto:info@tefma.com) with any queries.
8. Applicants that are shortlisted may be asked to submit a 2-minute video presenting a snapshot of the nominee and their work proposed for the award.

Hints for application preparation

Be factual and positive.

It is important to provide evidence to back up your claims. As well as describing the situation you are presenting, you should cite actual examples relating to the work done, how well it was carried out, what was achieved, and how it has benefited your institution.

Responses need not be lengthy, but they should be relevant, include meaningful supporting descriptions, and should demonstrate particular characteristics, qualities or approaches that have resulted in the work making a significant contribution to your organisation.

A submission should anticipate the key points a panel member will be looking for in the responses to the award criteria.

To maximize your chances of success it is important that you address the award criteria to clearly identify the suitability of your application for consideration as winner of the award.

When addressing the criteria you should look for things to highlight that might set you apart from other applicants.

Be clear and to the point and do not exceed word limits. Edit your responses for grammar, spelling and punctuation.

**NOTE:** Please delete this text and all previous pages prior to submitting Application

Application form: TEFMA Clever Campus Awards: Institution of the Year

Applicants should address all sections 1 – 6 in this form in their applications and should note item 7.

1. Applicant information

The applicant institution must be a current financial member of TEFMA.

Applications are required to be supported by the TEFMA Institutional Member.

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| Applicant Institution: |  |
| Contact name: |  |
| Contact’s Title: |  |
| Contact Details: | Phone:  Email: |
| Name of TEFMA Institutional Member: |  |
| Signature of Institutional Member: |  |
| Date: |  |

1. Abstract

Provide an abstract of no more than 250 words, summarising the key aspects of your submission for the TEFMA Institution of the Year Award.

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| 250 words maximum |

1. Narrative

Provide a narrative describing the work proposed for the TEFMA Institution of the Year Award in no more than 500 words,

OR

Provide your narrative using an alternative media presentation form such as video, graphic representations or other standard formats.

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| 500 words maximum |

1. Response to selection criteria

Describe the work and personnel proposed for the award in a written response to all award criteria that are relevant to the activity being put forward for the award, with a maximum of 500 words for each.

Applications should clearly reference the criteria provided. Words provided are a prompt only, to assist those completing an application, but are not intended to be exhaustive.

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| CRITERIA | RESPONSE |
| 1. Background   Outline the benefits and value the project brings to the Institution.  The work should be considered best practice, exhibiting professionalism and demonstrating quality outcomes for the benefit of staff, students and visitors. | 500 words maximum |
| 1. Organisational impact   Applications should reference some or all of the following:   * Impact: The work has created a lasting positive impact on the organisation, in line with organisational objectives. * Customer relationships: Excellence in customer relationship management has been displayed, with customer needs and expectations met and / or exceeded. * Organisational relationships: Excellence in organisational relationship management has been showcased through outstanding leadership and / or teamwork, with creation of an environment fostering a high level of professionalism, resulting in excellent performance outcomes. | 500 words maximum |
| 1. Management practice   Applications should reference some or all of the following:   * Strategic and operational planning: Quality planning, where alignment with organisational objectives, clarity of purpose and goal setting, measurement and reporting, have resulted in outstanding results for the benefits of the students, staff and visitors of the organisation. * Process improvement: Business effectiveness has measurably increased as a result of a new or improved robust and sustainable process; technical, administrative or other process types may be addressed. * Research: Accurate and objective information gathering and well planned analysis have resulted in increased knowledge and quality new information being identified, with direct application to its purpose. * Innovation: A creative approach to problem solving to achieve resolution of a significant issue has led to greatly improved results for the benefit of customers and the organisation. * Delivery: Excellence in management of service or project delivery has resulted in outstanding outcomes for the benefit of students, staff and visitors to the organisation. * Partnership: Opportunities for partnership and different business models have been explored, resulting in measurable business improvements. | 500 words maximum |

1. Supporting materials

Supporting materials for your application may be provided and should be listed within, and attached to, your application.

The judging panel will decide whether or not to review all material provided, depending on the extent to which it informs the application, and the quantum.

Applicants should provide only information of direct relevance to support their application as the time available to the judging panel to make their assessment is limited.

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| List of any supporting materials: |

1. Additional material for site visit

Provide a list of additional materials to be made available to the assessment panel during a site visit, should a visit be scheduled.

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| List of any additional materials for panel review: |

1. Snapshot video

Institutions with applications that are shortlisted will be asked to submit a 2-minute video presenting a snapshot of the nominated institution, the team and the work proposed for the award.