Student Activities Awards 2024/25



NEW SOCIETY OF THE YEAR 2024/25

**Name of Society ………………………………………………………………………………………………….**

**Name & Executive Position of Applicant ……………………………………………………………………**

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**Date Society was Approved …………………**

**Current Number of Members …………………**

### **How to Apply:**

* Clearly explain how your society meets the award criteria.
* Provide concise and verifiable evidence (examples, documents, data, etc.). You may attach additional sheets or submit a portfolio if needed.
* Stick to the word limits (500 words per section) - extra content beyond the limit will not be considered. Bullet points are recommended.

**Deadline:** **31st March at 10:00 AM**
**Eligibility:** Activities from Summer Term 2024 – Spring Term 2025 will be considered.

Please email this application to susocs@essex.ac.uk with the subject title ***“\*Society Name\* New Society of the Year Award – Student Activities Awards 2024/25”***

### **Application Sections (Max 500 words per section)**

1. **SOCIETY FORMATION**
2. Why did you start this society? Was there demand for it from other students?
3. How did you form your executive team, and what steps did you take after approval? How did you promote the society and organise your first events?
4. **STRUCTURE, ORGANISATION AND COMMITMENT**
5. How has your executive team structured roles and responsibilities, and how does this benefit your members?
6. How many events has your society organised, and how have you made sure new members can participate?
7. **HIGH QUALITY MEMBERSHIP**
8. What do members gain from being part of your society? This could include social opportunities, competitions, or support services.
9. **‘THERE FOR EVERYONE’**
10. What steps has your society taken to ensure activities are accessible and inclusive?
11. **COMMUNICATION (MAXIMUM 500 WORDS THIS SECTION)**
12. How does your society communicate with members, non-members, and the SU about opportunities, activities, and events? How effective is this communication?
13. **COLLABORATIONS**
14. What activities and events has your society organised with other student groups (Societies, Clubs, VTeam, Rebel, etc.)? Have these been beneficial? Have you worked with the university or external organisations on events?

### **Reminder:**

The panel will look for **clear evidence** that your society has significantly exceeded expectations in all areas.

Review your application carefully to ensure all necessary information and evidence are included, as no changes can be made after the deadline. If you submit pictures and consent to their use at the Societies Awards, please tick the box. ☐

***Applicant’s Signature ………………………….…. Date ………………………..***

***President’s Signature ……………………………… Date ………………………...***

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