

IEAA celebrates trailblazers in international education

IEAA has recognised the leaders and trailblazers behind Australia’s thriving international education sector. The awards were announced at the 33rd [Australian International Education Conference \(AIEC\)](#), held in Perth this week (15–18 October).

IEAA’s annual excellence awards recognise outstanding contributions to Australia’s international education sector – the nation’s fourth largest export and the world’s third most popular study destination for international students.

“Australia is host to almost 700,000 international students,” said IEAA CEO, Phil Honeywood. “As such, international education plays a critical role in enhancing Australia’s cultural diversity, international connections and economic prosperity.”

“A common thread among this year’s awardees is their passion and dedication to enhancing the international student experience and forging links between students and the broader Australian community. Each of the recipients should be commended for their role in making the international education sector what it is today,” added Mr Honeywood.

This year marks the introduction of the Tony Adams Rising Star Award – a new award recognising the work of an early career professional. The award was established in honour of Professor Tony Adams, a revered leader and mentor to many in international education. He was also IEAA’s Foundation President.

The recipients of this year’s awards are:

- **Professor John Hudzik – Distinguished Contribution to International Education**
 - NAFSA Senior Scholar for Internationalization, Michigan State University
- **Julian O’Shea – Tony Adams Rising Star Award**
 - CEO and Founder, Unbound
- **Sonder – Innovation in International Education**
 - Craig Cowdrey – Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Sonder
 - Christopher Marr – Co-founder & Chief Commercial Officer (CCO), Sonder
 - Peter Burnheim – Co-founder & Chief Operations Officer (COO), Sonder
- **Insider Guides – Best Practice in International Education**
 - James Martin – Managing Director, Insider Guides
- **Dr Alexander Stütz – Outstanding Postgraduate Thesis**
 - PhD topic: | Internationalisation of the medical curriculum: a multiple case study of German and Australian medical schools (QUT)

All information will be online at www.ieaa.org.au/awards from Wednesday 16 October 2019.

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