

FISU GENDER EQUALITY AWARDS **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. INTRODUCTION

As the leader in the development of university sport worldwide, the International University Sports Federation (FISU) continuously supports gender equality initiatives across the world and assists its member federations (NUSF) and Continental Associations (CUSF) in developing these special projects.

Following six successful editions of the Gender Equality Award-Sport (Award), the FISU Gender Equality Committee (GEC) proposed in 2020 to expand the awards, to not only recognise Higher Education Institutions/Universities, National University Sports Federations (NUSF) and Continental Associations (CUSF) who have developed outstanding projects designed to advance and achieve Gender Equality in sport, but to also recognise individuals in the university sports movement, who have made significant efforts to advance and achieve gender equality in University Sports in their country, continent or internationally.

The newly named FISU Gender Equality Awards therefore now consist of **two awards**, the:

- **FISU Gender Equality Project Award**, and the
- **FISU Gender Equality Champion Award**

Awarded biannually, the Awards aim to promote the advancement of gender equality in sport and recognise outstanding efforts and achievements to increase the participation of women, but also non-binary and transgender individuals, in sports at all levels, both on and off the field of play.

By showcasing the efforts and achievements of organisations and individuals across the world, FISU also aims to inspire others to increase their efforts and resources committed to increasing the proportion of women involved in university sport and academia at all levels.

The FISU Gender Equality Project Award is bestowed on a project which has been designed to advance gender equality in sport and has also already been delivered in its entirety at least once in 2020 or 2021 prior to being nominated for the award. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, projects which were delivered in 2019 and intended to be delivered in 2020 or 2021, are also eligible to be nominated for the award. Sustainability and replicability are key criteria for the award. As a result, preference will be given to projects which are being continued by the nominating organisation for a number of years into the future and can be replicated/implemented in other countries across the world. The winning organisation will receive a grant of up to 5000€ from FISU to support the continuation and development of the project.

The FISU Gender Equality Champion Award is bestowed on an individual who has made significant efforts to advance and achieve gender equality in University Sports in their country,

continent or internationally. The winning individual will be awarded the title of FISU Gender Equality Champion and will have the opportunity to be a presenter and speaker at future FISU events.

2. AWARD CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY

a. FISU GENDER EQUALITY PROJECT AWARD

The FISU Gender Equality Project Award may be awarded to a Higher Education Institution/University, National University Sports Federation, or Continental Association in recognition of an existing outstanding project which contributes to the advancement and achievement of gender equality in sport by:

- supporting and increasing the participation of women specifically, or non-binary or transgender individuals, in sport at any level, on or off the field of play.
- supporting the development and advancement of women to leadership positions in sport, whether as a coach, administrator, official, organisation leader or other position.
- promoting and educating others in the need for gender equality in sport and other gender issues.
- tackling negative cultures and creating an inclusive culture which supports and increases the participation of women or non-binary or transgender individuals in sport, at any level, on or off the field of play.

In addition, the project must:

- have already been delivered in its entirety at least once/in one cycle in 2020 or 2021, before being nominated for the award. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, projects which were delivered in 2019 and intended to be delivered in 2020 or 2021, are also eligible to be nominated for the award.
- have been delivered by at least one Higher Education Institution/University or one National or Continental University Sports Federation.
- be sustainable and will continue to be delivered by the organisation, regardless of whether they win the award.
- be replicable and can be implemented in other countries around the world.
- be prepared to be used by FISU as an example of best practice to promote gender equality for the next two years.

Projects which have been delivered by a Higher Education Institution/University, NUSF or CUSF, in collaboration/partnership with an external organisation(s), such as a Sport National



Governing Body, an appropriate charity or other organisation, are also eligible to be nominated for the Award.

Priority will be given to projects which are sustainable and can be replicated by other organisations across the world.

b. FISU GENDER EQUALITY CHAMPION AWARD

The FISU Gender Equality Champion Award may be awarded to an individual of any gender (male, female, transgender, non-binary) who:

- has made significant efforts over a number of years and achieved tangible results to advance gender equality in university sport at any level, on or off the field of play.
- is recognised by their NUSF as a gender equality champion in their country and an individual worthy of international recognition;
- acts as a role model and champion of gender equality in their everyday life, encouraging others to make efforts to advance gender equality in sport;
- is able to become an ambassador of gender equality internationally and promote it for the next two years alongside FISU;
- is ready to participate in the FISU educational and sports events.

Examples of individuals eligible to receive the award include, but are not limited to:

- Organisation leaders
- Administrators
- Coaches or mentors
- Athletes
- Journalists

Priority will be given to individuals who are active in the university sports movement.

3. NOMINATION PROCESS

The call for nominations will be posted on the FISU website (www.fisu.net) and sent by FISU to NUSFs and CUSFs electronically. Only NUSFs and CUSFs are eligible to nominate candidates for the awards and are required to use the official nomination form. However, Higher Education Institutions/Universities are strongly encouraged submit nominations to their NUSF, who can then submit them to FISU on their behalf.



The completed nomination form should include a detailed description of the individual's achievements or project's activities and results. It is important to provide supporting material such as certificates or awards, press articles, summary of reports/results, photographs or videos. If necessary, FISU may request other supporting documents.

All entries without exception must be submitted in one of the FISU languages: English, French, Spanish or Russian.

NUSFs and CUSFs are entitled to nominate an **unlimited** number of candidates for the FISU Gender Equality Project Award and **one** candidate only per NUSF or CUSF for the FISU Gender Equality Champion Award.

NUSFs and CUSFs are encouraged to nominate as many candidates for the FISU Gender Equality Project Award, as they have eligible projects, which meet the criteria set out in Section 2.

In addition, NUSFs are strongly encouraged to **engage and support their member Higher Education Institutions/Universities** to submit nominations to them, who can then submit them to FISU on their behalf.

The number of candidates nominated by an individual NUSF or CUSF for the FISU Gender Equality Project Award will not negatively impact the likelihood a project from their country or continent will win the award.

NUSFs may only nominate an individual residing in their country for the FISU Gender Equality Champion Award (or Continent for CUSFs).

Nominations should be submitted to the FISU Gender Equality Committee via education@fisunet.net according to the instructions given in the General Rules and Regulations, and using the Nomination Form below.

FISU Member Associations must submit their nominations to the FISU Gender Equality Committee no later than **15 May 2021**.

By accepting nomination for the award, and submission to FISU GEC, nominators and nominees accept the terms of these Regulations and the decisions of the Jury.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

FISU shall only consider only the nomination forms which have been fully completed, signed by the President or Secretary of the NUSF or CUSF, and have been submitted before the deadline.

On the basis of the above award criteria, a pre-selection Jury composed of FISU Gender Equality Committee and Gender Equality Working Group members will review the nominations,



propose a shortlist and then submit the shortlist to the FISU Gender Equality Committee for the final selection.

Following the proposal of the shortlist, FISU will contact the shortlisted candidates of the FISU Gender Equality Champion Award and their respective NUSFs/CUSFs, to confirm the nominee is happy to be considered for the award.

5. AWARDS AND GRANTS

The winners of the FISU Gender Equality Project Award and FISU Gender Equality Champion Award will be announced at the FISU General Assembly 2021 in Chengdu, China.

Award-winners shall be invited to attend the FISU General Assembly 2021 and FISU Gala. Winners of the awards will receive a trophy or plaque to recognise their achievement.

The winning individual and project will be widely promoted on the FISU, CUSFs and NUSFs website, social media feeds and platforms. Continental University Sports Federations will be required to recognise and celebrate the achievements of winners from their continent.

In addition, the following prizes will be given:

- The winning organization of the FISU Gender Equality Project of Award will receive a grant of up to 5000€ from FISU to support the continuation and development of the project.
- The winning individual will be awarded the title of FISU Gender Equality Champion and will have the opportunity to be a presenter and speaker at future FISU events.

Furthermore, the award-winners will be requested to report on the development of their project or individual activities at the following FISU World Forum Costa-Rica 2022.