

International Education Council Exemplary Global Citizenship Award

Center for Global Engagement Vision

The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) staff believe a stellar international experience should encompass and epitomize all the strengths of an excellent university education. Positive international experiences should offer an *immersion* into a new culture through rigorous academics, dynamic exchange and dialogue with diverse groups, and a broad exposure to new ideas and experiences.

Purpose

The [International Education Council](#) (IEC) Exemplary Global Citizenship Award, sponsored by the CGE, is an annual recognition for faculty and staff who demonstrate exceptional contributions to fostering global understanding and cultural competence among students. Through *innovative programs, immersion opportunities, curriculum design, collaboration/partnership, impactful teaching, research, leadership, or student support services*, recipients embody the university's mission of global engagement and internationalization via its impact on our students.

Eligibility

- Must be Gonzaga ranked faculty or full-time staff members.
- (Self)Nominee cannot be a current member of the IEC.

Nomination Process and Submission

- In a 1,000-word maximum document, a (self)-nominator will detail the nominee's positive *impact* Gonzaga's [strategic global engagement goals](#) as demonstrated via Gonzaga students.
- The nomination document will be submitted as a PDF to iec@gonzaga.edu, with subject line: IEC Exemplary Global Citizenship Award nomination. Deadline, October 30, 2026, 4pm.
- Some examples include, but are not limited to, how the nominee:
 - Has created transformational opportunities and experiences for Gonzaga students,
 - Has met certain needs, and fostered deeper connection with intercultural concepts and ideas for Gonzaga students,
 - Integrated global perspectives into their scholarly work while also bringing that back to the students via the classroom,
 - Has led significant cultural exchange programs or facilitated transformational international experiences for Gonzaga students,
 - Has pioneered innovative global programs, initiatives, or research projects with international impact that positively impacts Gonzaga students.

Selection Process

The IEC award subcommittee will review nominations and recommend up to two recipients (one staff and one faculty) to full IEC. IEC will recommend the final selections to the Associate Provost for Global Engagement.

Award Ceremony and Funding

When funding is available, up to two awardees annually will receive a plaque and \$1,000 stipend (faculty)/honoraria (staff). The award will be presented at an International Education Week event (November 15-20, 2026) and the respective May 2027 Faculty/Staff Recognition Celebrations.