

OUTSTANDING TALENT AWARD

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Excellent Skills Award recognizes the achievement of UTAR student who have extensive talent and skills in non-academic fields to serve as a role model for the community as knowledge and intellect are vital assets in a competitive environment, especially in the ever-changing career environment within the student's future.

The onus will be on the candidate to write in and avail themselves to be considered for the award which covers the following categories:

1. Official Participation (representing UTAR while participating in official/external events / tournaments / competitions)*
2. Independent Participation (participating in external events / tournaments / competitions on own accord)*
3. Achievements (arising from participation, i.e. Champion / Award Winner, Special Awards)*

**All participation in external events must be in line with the University's rules and regulations.*

The winner of this award will receive a cash prize and trophy.

2.0 SUBMISSION PARTICULARS

1. All information provided in this section (and any subsequent declarations below) are to be verified by DSA to be accurate and true.
2. The applicant must not have been found guilty in any disciplinary meetings, nor found guilty of any misdeeds (or serving any ongoing punishment) outside of the university throughout the assessment period.
3. DSA reserves the capacity to forfeit the whole application if any declared item is found to be inaccurate, modified or outright invalid.
4. Overall Points Breakdown (100%):
 - a. Section A: Academic Achievement – 5%
 - b. Section B: Co-Curricular Achievement – 5%
 - c. Section C: Talent Achievement – 80%
 - d. Section D: Community Participation – 10%

3.0 AWARD CRITERIA

Section A: Academic Achievement (5%)

1. All applicants must have a minimum CGPA of 2.0000 at the point of assessment/evaluation. A maximum of 5 points (rounded to 2 decimal points) can be awarded for this section via the formula:

$$\frac{\text{CGPA}}{4.00} \times 5$$

2. Example of scoring outcome:

CGPA	Calculation	Point Awarded
2.00 of 4.00	$(2.00 / 4.00) \times 5$	2.50
3.25 of 4.00	$(3.25 / 4.00) \times 5$	4.06
3.85 of 4.00	$(3.85 / 4.00) \times 5$	4.81

Section B: Co-Curricular Achievement (5%)

1. Applicants will be graded based on the USSDC soft skills programme at the point of assessment/evaluation for a maximum of 5 points (rounded to 2 decimal points) for this section.
2. The calculation formula is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{USSDC Points}}{140 \text{ points}} \times 5$$

3. Example of scoring outcome:

USSDC Points	Calculation	Point Awarded
50 of 140	$(50 / 140) \times 5$	1.79
100 of 140	$(100 / 140) \times 5$	3.57
130 of 140	$(130 / 140) \times 5$	4.64

Section C: Talent Achievements (80%)

1. Applicants may submit **up to eight (8) of their most significant participations / achievements** throughout the past assessment year (1 April – 31 March). A maximum of 80 points may be awarded (excess points will be ignored) for this section.
2. Each official / external event is eligible to obtain one Participation and one Achievement score (if the Participation wins an achievement). Multiple Achievements at a single event shall be considered independent of each other, but only one Participation score will be issued and counts as an additional item/achievement.
3. DSA shall vet and allocate points for each validated participation / achievement, and in the event of a tie, the SAC shall determine the award winner.
4. The award criteria for Participation is as follows:

Events / Tournament	Participation Level			
	International	National	State (University)	Local (District)
Individual event	6	4	2	1
Team event	4.5	3	1.5	1

Classification of Levels:

- Local – Participation at official UTAR events, or local events within the direct community (i.e. USTAR Singing Competition).
- State - Representing UTAR at inter-varsities/college (single state or institution) events, state-wide competitions (i.e. Monash Dance Competition).
- National - Representing UTAR in inter-state (multiple states and institutions) level competitions (i.e. Malaysian Idol).
- International – e.g. Representing UTAR at an International Competition involving multiple countries (i.e. World Hip Hop Dance Championship).

5. The award criteria for Achievements are as follows (added points):

Events / Tournament	Achievement	Level (refer to previous section reference)			
		International	National	State	Local
Individual event	1 st Place*	10	7.5	5	2.5
	2 nd Place*	8	6	4	2
	3 rd Place*	6	4.5	3	1.5
	Consolation*	4	3	2	1
Team event	1 st Place*	8	6	4	2
	2 nd Place*	6	4.5	3	1.5
	3 rd Place*	4	3	2	1
	Consolation*	2	1.5	1	0.5

* Or equivalent achievement.

Notes: All Special Awards (i.e. Best Costume, Most Supportive) are considered as Consolation level achievements by default, but may be subject to difficulty of achievement. The achievement tier/score awarded will be subject to the panel's sole discretion.

Section D: Community Contributions (10%)

- Applicants are expected to have contributed to the community around them in various ways and shall be awarded for **up to five (5) most significant contributions (not already tabulated from previous sections)** towards the community (within UTAR or external) for up to a maximum of 10 points.
- Applicants are awarded points additively for each role as follows:

Position / Role	Base Point
Senior Committee / Leadership Role / Winning Positions (Competitive) <i>i.e. Chairperson / Vice Chairperson, Auditor, Department Manager, Secretary, Treasurer</i> <i>OR Any awarded position in a competitive event (1st to Consolation) or equivalent</i>	2
Junior Committee / Supportive Role / Participant <i>i.e. Committee Member, Helper, Volunteer, Participant / Competitor or equivalent</i>	1

- Each role is multiplied by a scope factor (i.e. scale/level of contributions) based on the following

Scope / Scale	Multiplier
Local <i>Within UTAR, District Level</i>	1 X
State <i>Outside UTAR vicinity, Inter University/Campus organisations, State Level participation</i>	2 X
National <i>National / International level organisations, participation</i>	3 X

- Each contribution is tallied by multiplying the Base Point and Multiplier to obtain its nett point value (up to maximum of 10 points – excess points will be ignored). DSA shall determine the validity of each Position and Scope for tabulation purposes.

5. Example of scoring outcome (for a single applicant):

Description	Position	Scope	Calculation	Point Awarded
Club Chairperson, UTAR	Senior Committee	Local	2 points X 1	2
Consolation, Malaysian Idol	Winning Position	National	2 points X 3	6
Program Manager, Inter University / Campus Debate Competition	Senior Committee	State	2 points X 2	4
Performer, World Dance Championships	Participant	National	1 point X 3	3
Volunteer, Johor Hospital Run	Participant	State	1 point X 2	2

Total: 14 points (maximum 10 points) = 10 points

4.0 Judging Panel

The Student Affairs Committee members will be the judging panel.

5.0 Prizes

The winner of this award will receive a cash prize and trophy.