

## **SOUTHERN AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION**

### **RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF CO- OPERATIVE EDUCATION**

#### **1. PREAMBLE**

To promote the principles and practice of co-operative education, the Southern African Society for Co-operative Education (SASCE) decided to grant recognition to organisations, institutions and individuals that have attained a high standard in their participation in co-operative education. This recognition will take three forms; namely:

- Acknowledgement of participation by both organisations or institutions and individuals in Co-operative Education by corporate members.
- Awards to organisations.
- Awards to individuals.

#### **2. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

##### **2.1 Experiential training/Work Integrated Learning (WIL) programmes**

In this document, the expression experiential training programmes is used to describe those training programmes which are provided by the employers to co-operative education students from institutions. Training programmes are designed to be part of the co-operative education process, to be completed during the periods of experiential training (WIL) which are prescribed in the structure of the students' co-operative education programmes.

##### **2.2 Organisations**

In this document, the term organisation is used to describe the company, which employs the co-operative education student and provides the experiential training programme(s). It may refer to the firm, or to a specific branch or division or department of that firm.

##### **2.3 Institution**

In this document, the term institution is used for any form of educational provider, that offer work integrated learning programmes.

#### **3. CONDITIONS OF NOMINATION**

- 3.1 Awards may not be granted to any individual or organisation more than once in a Four-year period.
- 3.2 Only SASCE member institutions may nominate an organization for an award

## **4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARTICIPATION IN CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION**

### **4.1 Purpose**

The purpose of acknowledgement is to foster participation in, and to promote the concept of, co-operative education. It is believed that certificates issued to and displayed by individuals, organisations and institutions will contribute toward the image of co-operative education and would thus also be a marketing strategy. Corporate members are encouraged to implement acknowledgment certification to recognise the co-operative education practices of their partners. In this regard, the following guidelines apply:

### **4.2 Criteria for acknowledgement**

Recipients of acknowledgement certificates should satisfy **at least two (2)** of the following criteria:

- a) Evidence of at least two (2) years active and continuous involvement in a standards generating and/or curriculum development process of a co-operative education programme.
- b) Evidence of at least two (2) years active and continuous involvement in formal continuous consultation (such as an advisory committee) for a co-operative education programme.
- c) Active and continuous enabling of experiential learning (EL) for at least two (2) years by, for example evidence of, the providing of placement opportunities, mentoring of EL learners, co-ordinating and monitoring of EL and/or the evaluation of the attainment of EL outcomes.
- d) Evidence, of at least two (2) years of providing in or the undertaking of initiatives to ensure that 'faculty' involved with a co-operative education programme(s) remain abreast with the emerging practices of the vocation/profession.
- e) Individuals, organisations and/or institutions that were involved in a breakthrough regarding the practice of co-operative education in Southern Africa.

## **5. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

### **5.1 Purpose**

The Individual Award is the highest award, which SASCE can confer on an individual, in recognition of outstanding service by that person in the development and practice of co-operative education.

## **6. NOMINATIONS:**

Fully motivated nominations must be received by the Operations Manager of SASCE, before 15 September 2022.

Nominations may be emailed: [admin@sasce.net](mailto:admin@sasce.net)

## **7. SELECTION OF AWARDEES**

Evaluation of nominations received and selection of awardees will be done by a selection committee made up of members of the SASCE Executive Committee and other individuals from member institutions. Where there is a conflict of interest, the Exco member will be recused and not participate in the selection process.

**NOMINATION FORM (Please complete one form per nomination. **Maximum nominations per member institution: Two**)**

Full Name of Nominee (Organisation/individual); \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: (if Organisation); \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: telephone; email address (organisation & Individuals)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Institution submitting the nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please nominate an organization external to the institution  
Awardees will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation.

<b>DIMENSION</b>	<b>Please tick appropriate</b>
Evidence of at least two (2) years active and continuous involvement in a standards generating and/or curriculum development process of a co-operative education/WIL/EL programme.	
Evidence of at least two (2) years active and continuous involvement in formal continuous consultation (such as an advisory committee) for a co-operative education/WIL/EL programme.	
Active and continuous enabling of experiential learning (EL) for at least two (2) years by, for example evidence of, the providing of placement opportunities, mentoring of EL learners, co-ordinating and monitoring of EL/WIL and/or the evaluation of the attainment of EL/WIL outcomes	
Evidence, of at least two (2) years of providing in or the undertaking of initiatives to ensure that 'faculty' involved with a co-operative education programme(s) remain abreast with the emerging practices of the vocation/profession.	
Individuals, organisations and/or institutions that were involved in a breakthrough regarding the practice of Co-operative Education/EL/WIL in Southern Africa.	

**NB: SUBMISSION TO [admin@sasce.net](mailto:admin@sasce.net) by 15 September 2022**