
USI Alumni Award 2025

In 2024, the USI Alumni Award was established to recognise USI graduates who have distinguished themselves in their professional careers.

On 10 May 2025, during the Dies academicus 2025, the second USI Alumni Award will be presented to a distinguished alumnus or alumna of the Academy of Architecture.

All USI alums are invited to proposed candidates from the Academy of Architecture who embody USI's core values in the professional sphere: quality, openness, and responsibility. If you graduated from the Academy of Mendrisio, you can either apply yourself or propose former colleagues from your faculty.

Eligibility, Application process, evaluation and awarding, publication

1. Eligibility

All USI graduates who have completed a degree programme at USI (BA/Master/PhD) are eligible.

2. Application Process and Evaluation

- Each year, all USI alumni and the USI community are invited to propose candidates for the Alumni Award for the designated faculty. They may propose themselves or any other former USI student from that faculty. Guidelines for submitting applications are published through the University's official channels and managed by the Alumni Service.
- The Alumni Service, in collaboration with the Pro-rector for Education and Students' Experience and the Dean of the designated faculty, along with the Institutional Communication Service, will create a shortlist of candidates. These candidates will meet the selection criteria and represent the selected faculty.
- The shortlist, along with a clear ranking from the working group mentioned above, will be submitted to the Rectorate, which ratifies the decision.
- The winner will be contacted. If they refuse or are unable to accept the award, the next nominee will be considered.

3. Awarding

The USI Alumni Award is conferred, exclusively in person, by the relevant Dean during the Dies academicus ceremony.

4. Publication:

The recipient of the USI Alumni Award will be announced in the honours section of the USI website and on the USI Alumni platform.

Selection Criteria

The applications of former students who meet one or more of the following criteria are considered eligible:

- Having distinguished themselves through excellence in their professional activities, reflecting USI's values of quality, openness, and responsibility;
- Having received national or international awards or recognitions conferred by organisations, institutions, or publications of undisputed independence and authority;
- Leading a successful entrepreneurial initiative or project at a national or international level;
- Leading a non-profit organisation or project that has achieved exceptional social impact at a national or international level.

Applications must be supported by publicly available and verifiable evidence. Nominations of former students who do not meet common standards of integrity will be deemed ineligible, regardless of compliance with the criteria mentioned above.