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Please state in 400 words or less, how this program meets the criteria and why it is deserving of this award. Include the dates and length of the Project (ongoing?), the impact/outcome on international students and the aim of the Project. Two additional A4 pages and/or links to information located on relevant websites, media stories, photos or documentation are acceptable.

TEDxMonashUniversity was established in May 2018 and is registered under MONSU (Monash University Student Union), to hold TEDx events at the University. The primary goal of this initiative is to engage students across various departments and bridge the gap between local and international students. It is a community of dreamers, doers and enablers, constantly seeking people who desire to change the world, one idea at a time. It was founded by a group of five international students from three different countries such as India, China and Thailand. Syed Nahid Pasha who was part of the founding team and held the position of Events Officer conceptualised, proposed and executed several events in 2018, keeping the international students into perspective. The team ran four major TEDx conferences, i.e. TEDxMonashUniversity main speaker conference and three TEDxMonashUniversitySalon events. All the four events had a specific theme, i.e. 'Out of the Box' for the main TEDx event and salon events were themed around 'Adventure', 'Mindfulness' and 'There is no Box'. All these events were ticketed and sold out. We were successfully able to establish and impact hundreds of students at Monash University with just first year of our intervention.

After a successful 2018, Syed Nahid Pasha unanimously became the Licensee, Curator and President in 2019 for his exceptional work towards establishing and running TEDxMonashUniversity. This year, the team not only ran four TEDx events but also had workshops for students for free. However, all the workshops had to be signed up for.



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Again, all four TEDx events were themed, i.e. 'If Not Now, When' for main the TEDx event and salon events were themed around 'Entrepreneurship and Innovation', 'Women in Leadership' and 'Education'. The last salon event is scheduled to be held in March of 2020. Besides this, there were three workshops, i.e. Design Thinking as a Problem-solving Tool, Art of Effective Communication and Network. All the workshops were only open to the members of TEDxMonashUniversity, whereas TEDx conferences were open to the public. The TEDxMonashUniversity main speaker conference 'If Not Now, When' won the award for the Best New Event in 2019, as part of MONSU Awards for running a 100% sustainable event and engaging the larger community at Monash University. TEDxMonashUniversity was successful in engaging 52 TEDx speakers, 24 mindblowing performers, hosted 7 TEDx events, 3 professional development workshops and several meet-ups and networking events in just two years of its inception. In addition to that, it directly impacted more than 1800 attendees and engaged more than 80k people via its social media platforms. All of it is initiated, planned and executed by international students, who believe that we, as humans, have far more similarities than differences and can achieve great things together.

**CLOSING DATE:** Completed applications must be received by the ISANA Secretariat by 5.00pm EDT on 4 November 2019. Please submit an electronic copy of the application via the link on the website.

The Selection Panel will be comprised of ISANA National Council members and will meet within two weeks of the closing date to review the applications. The decision of the panel is final.

The winning program will be announced at the ISANA 2019 National Conference dinner.