

# ISANA Life Membership Nomination - 2015

Shanton Chang has made a distinguished contribution to international education in Australia throughout his career as a leader and international education specialist educator.

Prior to his role as a senior academic at the University of Melbourne, Shanton began his dedication to the international education sector and international students as an international student in the mid-1990s in Western Australia. He held student leadership positions at the University of Western Australia, and in the State executive of the former national international student organisation NLC. He then held a national leadership role as the National convenor for the NLC, through which he represented the international student population of Australia on many occasions in national forums, parliamentary inquiries and international education conferences. Laying this foundation, Shanton was instrumental in forging a long-standing partnership between the NLC and ISANA until NLC was disbanded in 2007. Shanton then provided support, advice and ongoing mentorship to student leaders in Australia in the next phase of setting up a new national student representative body – CISA. For over 25 years, Shanton has been held in high regard as one of the most respected international student leaders in Australia's international education history.

Over the last 20 years, a student leader, as an academic, and through his work with ISANA, Shanton has worked tirelessly to develop the professional capability of the international education sector in cross cultural communication, integration between local and international students as well as enhancing the ways the sector understands international students and their place in the Australian education community.

Shanton has been a member of ISANA since 2001. Through this time, Shanton has been the mainstay for developing and running the national ISANA conferences along with providing ongoing support and delivery of the ISANA professional development programs. He has held the role as ISANA Conference Convenor since 2005, with this being his 11th ISANA national conference. In addition, Shanton held the role as Vice President Professional Development for 4 years. He is well-known amongst his ISANA peers for his down-to-earth ability to get things done, create workable and innovative solutions and achieve excellence in his work in the international education sector. His knowledge and understanding of the experiences of both staff and students has led many to seek his mentorship, advice and collaboration in developing programs, forums and initiatives. These include federal and state governments, local governments, student associations, peak international education organisations in Australia, New Zealand and overseas, as well as many individual education providers throughout Australia and beyond.