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## **Press release**

### **2024 International Green Gown Awards announced, in association with Allianz Global Investors**

**EAUC (the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges)**, the leading body for sustainability in the post-16 education sector in the UK and Republic of Ireland has announced the winners of the 2024 International Green Gown Awards in association with **Allianz Global Investors**, one of the world's leading active investment managers.

28 awards have been made this year, with recipients coming from 14 countries. The announcements were made live on social media between 7 and 11 October as part of Winners' Week.

Endorsed by the United Nations Environment Programme and supported by The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), L'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), the International Association of Universities (IAU), the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) and Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS), **the International Green Gown Awards recognise and celebrate the exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by universities and colleges across the world.**

Now in their 10<sup>th</sup> year and with judging panels drawn from EAUC's international member and partner network, the awards are widely recognised as setting the bar for sustainability best practice in colleges and universities around the world, while providing an international platform to share and promote sustainability action in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Allianz Global Investors has supported the International Green Gown Awards for three years now and has been delighted to see engagement and participation grow over that period. Diane Mak, Head of Impact Strategy at Allianz Global Investors, said:

"Congratulations to all the winners! It has not been an easy task for the judges to select the winners among the 95 exceptional projects coming from 28 countries. Being part of the judging panel myself, I got to see the many sustainability initiatives the finalists are championing at their institutions. The level of leadership, innovation, drive and commitment demonstrated is truly outstanding. Winning the Awards is a wonderful achievement, and we wish the winners and all participants the very best

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in continuing their journey in making a difference for the future and in promoting good practices for sustainability within, and beyond, campuses.”

Charlotte Bonner, Chief Executive of EAUC who delivers the awards, said:

“It's a privilege to celebrate the remarkable achievements of this year's International Green Gown Award winners. This year we have 28 winners from 14 countries. These institutions are setting powerful examples for how to embed sustainability into every aspect of education and community. Their winning submissions highlight the breadth of innovative and impactful sustainability work taking place across the globe and serve as powerful catalysts for further sustainability action. By sharing these stories and examples widely, we can inspire more institutions to follow their lead, amplifying the impact beyond their campuses.

The commitment to driving positive change, not only on their own campuses but beyond, is a testament to the leadership and vision that will shape a sustainable future. Congratulations to all our winners and participants!”

### **The 2024 winners are:**

#### **2030 Climate Action**

Highly Commended - Abdullah Gül University, Turkey

Highly Commended - Singapore Management University, Singapore

Highly Commended - University of Pennsylvania, USA

Winner (small organisation) - Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand

Winner (large organisation) - The University of Manchester, UK

#### **Benefiting Society**

Winner (small organisation) - Siam University, Thailand

Winner (large organisation) - Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, India

#### **Creating Impact**

Highly Commended - Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, India

Highly Commended - Shipley College, UK

Winner (small organisation) - International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia

Winner (large organisation) - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands

#### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Sustainability**

Highly Commended - De Montfort University, UK

Winner (small organisation) - International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia

Winner (large organisation) – The University of Sydney, Australia

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### **Nature Positive**

Highly Commended - Durham University, UK  
Highly Commended - University of St. Joseph, Macao SAR China  
Winner (small organisation) - Collegio Borromeo, Italy  
Winner (large organisation) - Haramaya University, Ethiopia

### **Next Generational Learning and Skills**

Highly Commended - Anglia Ruskin University, UK  
Highly Commended - Centro Universitário Facens, Brazil  
Winner (small organisation) - Glasgow Kelvin College, UK  
Winner (large organisation) - Singapore Management University, Singapore

### **Student Engagement**

Highly Commended - University of York, UK  
Winner (small organisation) - International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia  
Winner (large organisation) - McGill University, Canada

### **Sustainability Institution of the Year**

Highly Commended - University of Melbourne, Australia  
Winner (small organisation) - International Islamic University, Malaysia  
Winner (large organisation) - Singapore Management University, Singapore

More information about the winning projects can be found on the Green Gown Awards website: <https://www.greengownawards.org/showcasing-our-2024-international-finalists>

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### **About EAUC**

EAUC is the leading body for sustainability in the post-16 education sector in the UK and Republic of Ireland. Primarily a membership body, it serves 300 organisations whilst also working to change systems that enable sustainability action. It has been promoting sustainability in post-16 education for over 20 years.

### **About Allianz Global Investors**

Allianz Global Investors is a leading active asset manager with over 600 investment professionals in over 20 offices worldwide and managing EUR 555 billion in assets. We invest for the long term and seek to generate value for clients every step of the way. We do this by being active – in how we partner with clients and anticipate their

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changing needs, and build solutions based on capabilities across public and private markets. Our focus on protecting and enhancing our clients' assets leads naturally to a commitment to sustainability to drive positive change. Our goal is to elevate the investment experience for clients, whatever their location or objectives.

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