

# ESLA CRITERIA 2022



Enriching Student  
Life Awards  
Gwobrau Cyfoethogi  
Bywydau Myfyrwyr

## Most Uplifting Staff Member of the Year

A staff member who has made your time at Cardiff University exceptional with their positive outlook and actions.

- Goes out of their way to provide an experience that supports students.
- There isn't a problem they can't solve!
- A continually inspiring outlook on life and the student experience.
- A staff member who is enthusiastic and empowers students to work in partnership with the university.

**Who can nominate?** All students.

**Who can win?** Staff.

## Personal Tutor of the Year

A Personal Tutor who supports Undergraduates or Postgraduate Taught students through their time at university.

- 'Open door' policy within office hours meaning they are available when you need them.
- Endeavoring to help their students wherever possible.
- Provided appropriate signposting to support services as well as being proactive in solving issues students are facing (where appropriate).

**Who can nominate?** All students.

**Who can win?** Staff.

## Doctoral Supervisor of the Year

A Doctoral Supervisor who supports Postgraduate Research students to achieve within their research, writing their thesis, and preparing for their Viva.

- Finds opportunities for Researchers to develop, learn, and research.
- Works tirelessly to provide an example to researchers.
- Encourages and supports PGRs with their thesis.
- Acknowledges the strains of Postgraduate research, continually considering their PGRs' emotional and mental wellbeing.

**Who can nominate?** PhD/PGR Students.

**Who can win?** Staff.

## PGR Graduate Tutor of the Year

A PhD student, who as a PGR Graduate Tutor has supported and contributed to Undergraduate students' learning experience and provided feedback and academic assistance in line with the University expectations. This award recognises the contributions of PGR students who teach and their commitment to the delivery of quality education in Cardiff University.

- Delivers seminars/tutorials in an engaging and informative way.
- Provides constructive and timely feedback to queries and clarity on students' work.
- Approaches their teaching work with professionalism.
- Supports other PGR Graduate Tutors & Demonstrators.

**Who can nominate?** All students (except PGR students who teach).

**Who can win?** A PGR/PhD student acting as a staff member.

## PGR Demonstrator of the Year

A PhD student, who as a PGR Demonstrator has assisted and supported the learning of Undergraduates and Postgraduate Taught students in a laboratory or practical workshop context. This award recognises the contributions of the PGR students who demonstrate and their commitment to the delivery of quality laboratory sessions/workshops/field trips in Cardiff University.

- Assists in the delivery of laboratory sessions in an engaging and efficient way.
- Active in offering advice and guidance to improve students' engagement and encourage participation.
- Demonstrates effectiveness in the use of equipment and provides clear techniques in setting up experimental systems/apparatuses.
- Supports other PGR Demonstrators.

**Who can nominate?** All students (except PGR students who demonstrate).

**Who can win?** A PGR/PhD student acting as a staff member.

## Most Innovative Staff Member of the Year

A staff member who has engaged students in learning and teaching through a variety of methods.

- Uses the latest technology (from Twitter to Lecture Capture).
- Makes full use of the physical learning space.
- Doesn't lecture, but instead teaches providing interactive and engaging teaching.
- Fosters the student voice as well as supports students and staff working together to create solutions to issues.
- Embeds employability skills into the curriculum.
- Someone who has used initiative or been creative to provide solutions to problems caused by lockdown, social distancing restrictions, remote learning etc.

**Who can nominate?** All students.

**Who can win?** Staff.

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## Student Academic Rep of the Year (AHSS, BLS, and PSE)

An Academic Rep that has personally developed as well as represented their students at a programme, school, and college-level.

- Created different ways of engaging students on their courses and within their schools.
- Been a strong advocate for the student voice.
- Attended as many training sessions and opportunities as they can.
- Worked on a variety of campaigns throughout the year (within their school, the Students' Union, and wider University).

**Who can nominate?** Students or staff.

**Who can win?** Students acting as Academic Reps.

## Student Rep Coordinator of the Year

A Student Rep Coordinator that has succeeded in their primary role as well as in their role as a Student Rep Coordinator.

- Provides constructive feedback to reps.
- Works closely with the Student Voice and Student Engagement teams.
- Creates and promotes opportunities for students to engage and learn outside of the regular Student Staff Panel or Board of Study.
- Can always be seen with a smile on their face facilitating the student voice.
- Supports the handover of representatives from year-to-year providing an encouraging environment for representation.

**Who can nominate?** All students.

**Who can win?** Staff.

## Student Mentor of the Year

A student who has mentored you or someone you know under the Cardiff University Student Mentor Scheme. They will have gone above and beyond in one or more of the following:

- Helped you get to know the University, the city and other students.
- Kept your motivation high.
- Helped you understand how to use the technology and services on offer at the University.

**Who can nominate?** All students.

**Who can win?** Student Mentors.

## Champion for Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

A student or staff member that has worked to reduce or remove barriers to participation, as well as being a role model for and within marginalised groups.

- Ran events or created opportunities for discussion, debate, or support for marginalised groups.
- Worked with the university or Students' Union to change policy or practice to make a more inclusive environment at Cardiff University.
- Championed the values of both Cardiff University and Cardiff University Students' Union.

**Who can nominate?** Students or staff.

**Who can win?** Students or staff.

## Champion for Welsh Education

Works to further the Welsh Language through learning and teaching.

- Drops incidental Welsh into lectures and tutorials in order to give students an introduction to the Welsh language.
- Provides information on Welsh language, or opportunities to engage with Welsh culture and history (not just through language).
- A role model for Welsh Language Standards in Wales.

**Who can nominate?** All students.

**Who can win?** Staff.

