

Cardiff University Students' Union

Undeb Myfyrwyr Prifysgol Caerdydd

Enriching Student Life Award List 2017

Categories – Staff

Personal Tutor of the Year

This award recognises a Personal Tutor who has excelled in their role and exceeded the minimum expectations set out by Cardiff University. They might have gone above the call of duty to support a student, or have been particularly proactive throughout a student's University life. Former shortlisted candidates have supported students through challenging circumstances such as juggling family commitments with study, and overcoming severe health problems.

For the purpose of this award, Personal Tutor refers to a designated Personal Tutor, Senior Personal Tutor or Academic Tutor. For Postgraduate Research students there is a specific award category for supervision, please refer to the Outstanding Postdoctoral Supervisor award.

Most Effective Teacher

This award recognises an individual who makes even the most incomprehensible content seem straightforward. They are able to convey challenging topics in an engaging way and get the most out of their lectures and seminars. Former shortlisted candidates have been noted for their enthusiasm towards their teaching, bringing out the best in their students and fulfilling their potential. This nominee sets the bar for teaching and should be seen as a role model to their colleagues.

For the purpose of this award, teacher refers to anyone who holds lectures, seminars and demonstrates to students at Cardiff University.

Most Innovative Member of Staff

This award recognises a member of University staff who has used unconventional, pioneering or inventive methods to improve the student experience at Cardiff University. This broad category does not have to relate directly to academia. We are looking for staff members who have brought a breath of fresh air to their field, who have used their creativity to improve their students' time at University. The individual's innovation sets them apart as trail blazers in their profession.

The nominated individual might, for example, use state of the art tools to present their modules, or might have introduced new systems and procedures to save resource, or used clever ways of engaging with the student body to gain feedback. Previous shortlisted



candidates have used humorous methods such as Rock, Paper, Spock to explain Game Theory or embraced inverted teaching methods to improve the learning experience.

Most Uplifting Staff Member

This award recognises a staff member whose positive attitude and outlook raises the spirits everyone they interact with. This award is applicable to any members of professional, academic or support staff that work for or are associated with Cardiff University. Previous shortlisted candidates have ranged from University accommodation staff, the Chaplaincy, the University halls bus driver and a variety of professional support staff.

Student Rep Coordinator

This award recognises the work of a staff member who helps support Student Academic Reps within their School. They are the key contact for Reps, helping them organise Student Staff Panels, signposting to talk to appropriate staff members and keep a record of the number of Reps in their School. Without their help, support and knowledge, the Rep system would not operate on the large scale it currently does at Cardiff University.

For the purpose of this award Student Academic Rep Coordinator refers to a staff member who is the key link for Student Voice within their School. We accept nominations for those who have a designated responsibility for Student Voice written into their workload model or a more informal agreement with their School.

Welsh Education Champion

This award recognises an individual who has enhanced or promoted the Welsh language through their teaching and the broader Student Experience. For example it might be making adjustments to the learning environment, producing bilingual material or imbedding the Welsh language into the curriculum. Candidates do not have to be a fluent Welsh speaker. Instead this award looks to recognise the individual has done to champion the Welsh language.

For the purpose of this award any staff member can be nominated. The criteria is focused on how this individual has enhanced or promote the Welsh language through the educational experience.

Outstanding Doctoral Supervisor

This award recognises an individual who has helped guide and mentor a student through their doctoral research. Outstanding Doctoral Supervisor was introduced in 2016 to recognise the incredible work that Supervisors play in enhancing the Postgraduate Research experience. A good supervisor will ensure a student has completed their PhD within the University expectation of 4 years. An outstanding supervisor will bring the best out in their students. Their commitment, knowledge and energy will have inspired all those they have supported. Previous shortlisted candidates have been noted for supporting students with severe health problems,



for being very good role models and supporting students who have juggled family commitments alongside their PhD.

For the purpose of this award Doctoral Supervisor refers to a member of staff who supervises a student through their PhD. The nominator does not have to have completed their PhD, but they do need to demonstrate how their supervisor stands-out amongst their peers.

Categories – Students

Student Academic Representative of the Year (College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences)

Business – English, Communication and Philosophy – Geography and Planning – History, Archaeology and Religion – Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies – Law and Politics – Modern Languages – Music – Social Sciences – Welsh

Student Academic Representative of the Year (College of Biomedical and Life Sciences)

Biosciences – Dentistry – Healthcare Sciences – Medicine – Optometry and Vision Sciences – Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences – Psychology – Wales Deanery (Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education)

Student Academic Representative of the Year (College of Physical Sciences and Engineering)

Architecture – Chemistry – Computer Science and Informatics – Earth and Ocean Sciences – Engineering – Mathematics – Physics and Astronomy

These awards recognise Student Academic Reps who have shown exceptional commitment to their position and serve as a role model to their peers. Because of the unique context in each of the Colleges and the challenges their Reps will face, there is a Rep of the Year for each College. Previous shortlisted candidates have organised a Women in Leadership event in their School, another Rep helped the reintroduction of a cancelled module and another shortlisted candidate campaigned for more PhD funds to attend conferences.

For the purpose of this award Student Academic Representative refers to a student volunteer who voices the comments, concerns and questions of their peers to their academic School. The students nominated for this role must have been a Student Academic Rep in the academic year 2016/17

Student Academic Representative of the Year (overall)

This award is chosen from the winners each of the College Reps of the Year. The Student Academic Rep who wins this award is seen as a shining example to all other Reps of how to carry out the role.

