

## **Aston Excellence Award for Outstanding Work to Create Employable Graduates**

Aston Excellence Awards are given to recognise outstanding contribution towards the achievement of Aston's mission; the Aston 2020 Strategy. One of the fundamental aims underpinning the strategy focusses on Aston graduates and, specifically, the development of internationally sought-after graduates with world-leading employability, combined with confidence and business drive.

Award winners will be able to demonstrate how they have worked to create employable Aston graduates.

### **Criteria For Excellence – Outstanding work to create Employable Graduates**

This Award can be made to either an individual or to a group or team.

#### **Nominations should show:**

Evidence of providing exceptional activity which enhances graduate employability.

- a) Organising and/or delivering support to the development of student employability in a creative and imaginative way.
- b) Providing innovative approaches to the development of employability
- c) Recognising and supporting the diversity of student needs.

#### **Process for submitting nominations to the University Panel:**

1. Nominations can be put forward by any member of staff or by students.
2. The submission to the internal University Panel comprises one document:

A statement of how the nominee demonstrates excellence relevant to the award criteria. **It is essential** that nominations make **reference to** examples of supporting evidence. Nominations should have evidence from more than one source. Evidence of the impact can be appended to the submission itself, but this should not be excessive in length.

A template, if required for this statement is available via the Staff and Graduate Development website ([www.aston.ac.uk/staff/staffdev/awards/](http://www.aston.ac.uk/staff/staffdev/awards/)). A paper copy of this template is available from Sarah Hosten, Staff and Graduate Development, Room 728, Main Building.

3. Each page should contain the nominee's name and the sponsor's name (i.e. the person submitting the nomination).
4. **A single copy** of the document, unstapled and single-sided, should be submitted to Sarah Hosten, Staff and Graduate Development by **12 noon on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012**. Late applications will not be accepted.
5. Nominations will be considered by a Panel. Nominees and their sponsors, will be notified of the outcome by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012.
6. Any queries about completing the submission should be addressed to Sarah Hosten, Staff and Graduate Development, [s.j.hosten@aston.ac.uk](mailto:s.j.hosten@aston.ac.uk).

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