

**Aston Excellence Award
for
Outstanding Contribution to Innovation at Aston**

Aston Excellence Awards are given to recognise outstanding contribution towards the achievement of Aston's mission. Aston's Strategy, Aston 2020, focuses on two 'core aims' of developing internationally sought after Aston Graduates and delivering world-leading Aston Research, underpinned by six fundamental strategies. Innovation is key to Aston's ability to thrive in an increasingly competitive environment.

The award is to celebrate those who promote, lead and participate in ways that make a notable difference in innovation that changes Aston.

Criteria For Excellence – Outstanding Contribution to Innovation at Aston

Nominations must demonstrate:

How a group, team or individual has made an innovative change that is consistent with Aston's strategies, describing what the novel innovation is and the process of its "creation" – make clear what is novel.

This can be a simple one-off initiative, a work process, a new or revised technology; it can be simple or grand. Nominations must also describe how this innovation was implemented and what the beneficial impact has been. Statements of recognition from those beneficially affected will help.

Process for submitting nominations to the University Panel:

1. Nominations can be put forward by any member of staff.
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. 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/). 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 18th 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 15th 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.

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