

## **Aston Excellence Award for Outstanding Learning Support**

Aston Excellence Awards are given to recognise outstanding contribution towards the achievement of Aston's mission; the Aston 2020 Strategy.

The strategy focusses on bringing about real benefits, such as delivering social mobility by helping students acquire the skills, confidence and knowledge they need to make a successful career in business, industry and the professions. The provision of exceptional student learning support will enable students to explore and fulfil their potential, foster their initiative and creativity as responsible global citizens, imaginative thinkers, researchers and successful entrepreneurs.

Award winners will be able to demonstrate how they have made a difference to the student learning experience.

### **Criteria For Excellence – Outstanding Learning Support**

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

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

Evidence of providing exceptional support to students which enhances the student learning experience by:

- a) Organising and/or delivering learning support in a creative and imaginative way. The support should be integral to the student's learning and it should be clear what impact the intervention(s) are intended to have.
- b) 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.
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/](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).