

**Aston Excellence Award
for
Outstanding Teacher of the Year (staff nominated)**

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

Award winners for 'Outstanding Teacher of the Year' will be able to demonstrate how they have made a sustained contribution to development of learning and teaching practice.

Criteria For Excellence – Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Nominations should show:

1. Individual Excellence

Evidence of an established significant standing in their chosen area of research. Evidence will be discipline specific but should include:

- a) Having obtained outstanding student feedback on their academic practice.
- b) Having obtained funding (internal or external) to support the development of the student learning experience; the significant support for their research, or for their research group, from appropriate funding bodies.
- c) Having an outstanding dissemination record. This might include, as appropriate, published work, presentation at workshops and conferences, and the development of learning materials for use beyond their own area of teaching.
- d) Evidence of national and emerging international recognition of their work from peers. This might include invitations to contribute as keynote speakers at conferences, and elections to posts or bodies which have a remit to promote learner education and development.
- e) Evidence of being a reflective practitioner.

2. Academic leadership

Evidence of being a leader in learning & teaching development in the context of their module, course or programme by:

- a) Being recognised by their peers as leaders in learning and teaching development.
- b) Supporting and influencing others in developing their learning & teaching practice.

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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