

**Aston Excellence Award
for
Outstanding Contribution to the Sustainable Campus**

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. Sustainability and Social Responsibility is one of those strategies aimed at improving the integration of sustainability and social responsibility by embedding our activities in this area into all aspects of University life.

Award winners for the 'Outstanding Contribution to the Sustainable Campus' will be able to demonstrate how they have made a difference in support of this commitment.

Criteria For Excellence – Outstanding Contribution to the Sustainable Campus

This award can be made to an individual, to an ad hoc group or to a team that works together.

Nominations should show evidence of making an outstanding contribution to the sustainable University by, for example:

- a) taking positive action that contributes significantly to the improvement, management or balance of Aston's environmental, social or economic responsibilities;
- b) enabling people in our community to realise their potential and improve their quality of life;
- c) protecting and enhancing both the local and wider environment;
- d) reducing our consumption of resources;
- e) reducing waste; or
- f) demonstrating leadership in changing behaviour to achieve any of the above.

This could be, for example: a significant one-off event or act; implementation of a project or initiative that leads to incremental change over a sustained period; work 'behind the scenes' which draws on good practice from elsewhere and which leads to developments in policy and approach.

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.