

## Heriot-Watt Teaching Excellence Awards 2021

### What are the HWU Teaching Excellence Awards?

Heriot-Watt University's Teaching Excellence Awards recognise individual and team efforts to inspire student learning and innovate in teaching practice. They are a chance to celebrate the creativity and collegiality of our global learning community.

### Who is eligible to apply?

We wish to celebrate the excellence in teaching and support for student learning evident across our whole Heriot-Watt community. Colleagues are invited to apply directly or to nominate a colleague for these awards.

Applicants/nominees must:

- Be a member of staff at Heriot-Watt University,
- Have a role that involves teaching or supporting the student learning experience,
- Be able to demonstrate exceptional impact in inspiring student learning.

### What categories of Award are there?

For 2021, applications are open for the following categories:

- *Inspiring Learning* Excellence Award
- *Inspiring Learning* Early Career Award
- Inspiring Global Teaching Team Award
- Collaborations & Partnerships for Learning Award
- Pandemic Teaching Hero Award

### What is the application process?

You are invited to put yourself or your team forward for consideration for these awards. Colleagues are also welcome to nominate others for these awards (it may be helpful to consult and work with your nominee to develop the application.)

Please note that the ***Pandemic Teaching Hero Award*** is only open for peer-nomination. **We invite you to nominate a colleague** who has offered exceptional support, guidance and care to others to help sustain and enhance teaching and learning during this most challenging of years.

### What are the criteria for the Awards?

For the ***Inspiring Learning Excellence Award*** and ***Inspiring Learning Early Career Award***, applications must provide details of how you/your nominee have:

- Inspired and enhanced student learning,

### At a glance

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- Inspired and supported colleagues and influenced support for student learning,
- Developed your own practice in learning & teaching.

The **Early Career Award** is open to colleagues who have been in a substantive teaching role and/or role supporting student learning for less than 5 years. Postgraduate students who teach are also welcome to apply/be nominated.

For the **Global Teaching Team Award**, applications must provide details of how your teaching team has:

- Inspired and enhanced student learning,
- Inspired and supported colleagues and enhanced support for student learning,
- Developed innovative and effective approaches to working collegiately across the University.

For the **Collaboration and Partnerships for Learning Award**, applications must provide details of how you have worked with external partners to inspire student learning and has:

- Inspired innovative approaches to student learning,
- Inspired excellence in collaborative and partnership working, demonstrating benefits to key stakeholders.

Submissions in this category may include work to enhance access to learning, to support learning in the workplace or transform the student experience through industry or community collaboration.

The **Pandemic Teaching Hero Award** is a special award for the 2020-2021 period. It seeks to recognise and celebrate the efforts individual colleagues have made to support others in maintaining and developing their teaching practice through this challenging year. Nominations should include evidence of how the nominee has gone above and beyond to:

- Support the teaching community
- Inspire student learning through the pandemic
- Demonstrate collegiality and care for others.

### **What evidence could be included in an application?**

The most important aspect of your application is your story: what you or your team have done that has really made a difference to students and inspired their learning. As you develop your submission, aim to include a range of examples of your practice and evidence of the impact of your teaching and/or support for student learning.

If you need some inspiration, you may find the [further guidance](#) useful. This highlights possible evidence to include in your application. The suggestions in the document are not meant to be prescriptive but to illustrate the kinds of examples and impact evidence that may be relevant to share in your application.

### **What is the timeline for submission?**

**The Awards application deadline is 12 noon UK | 3pm Dubai | 7pm Malaysia on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The Awards will be judged by a panel of colleagues from across our university teaching community. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the awards in late May.

### **What will Award winners receive?**

Winners in each category will receive a certificate and will be invited to a celebration event to recognise their achievement. An honorarium will be awarded to the overall winner in each category, to be used to support

their ongoing professional development in teaching and learning. It can, for example be used for purchasing books, contributing to conference or training costs, joining a teaching network, etc.

- Individual Awards have a £150 honorarium, Team Awards a £300 honorarium.
- Award Winners will be invited to attend a Celebration Event in June 2021.

**How can I find out more?**

If you would like any further information about the HWU Teaching Excellence Awards, please contact [LTAcademy@hw.ac.uk](mailto:LTAcademy@hw.ac.uk)