



TEACHING AWARDS



TEACHING AWARDS JUDGING CRITERIA

All Teaching Awards nominations are judged anonymously by a panel comprising of students, Student Officers and other representatives.

These are the criteria the judges will be working to for each award category.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Our most prestigious award recognises someone who goes above and beyond to make your experience at university exceptional. This is someone who motivates you, inspires you and makes you feel valued. They will be knowledgeable and passionate about the subject. They will have a varied and interactive teaching style that will engage multiple students and will encourage you to be the best you can be.

- + Goes above and beyond expectations
- + Has a positive impact on my learning
- + Has extensive knowledge and is passionate about their subject
- + Approachable, motivating, encouraging and inspiring
- + Has a varied, interactive and engaging teaching style

DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR

Your department (also called a school in some faculties) is where your course belongs to, for example, Fine Art is in Art, or Forensic Chemistry is in the School of Science and the Environment.

The department of the year is a department that has excelled in all areas of learning and support. Does your department provide opportunities for interdisciplinary working

and make you feel part of a community? Are events and classes well-advertised? Do they put on extra sessions that are helpful? If your department is friendly and welcoming, well organised and focused on the student experience, you should nominate them for this award.

- + The staff work together to provide opportunities for interdisciplinary working
- + Staff and students feel a sense of community
- + Extra classes or events to assist your development
- + Outstanding organisation and management of courses
- + Effective communication of key activities in the department

COURSE OF THE YEAR

Your course is the reason you came to university and could will shape your future. Does your course make you think critically and actively participate in your learning? Are the team that teach your course inspiring, motivating and innovative? The course of the year will provide consistently excellent teaching and feedback and provide students with all the support they need to do well.

- + Students are happy with their choice of modules



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- + Students are encouraged to think critically and actively participate in their learning
- + Outstanding organisation, timetabling and management of the course
- + The course prepares students for their future
- + Exceptional teaching and feedback

OUTSTANDING FEEDBACK

This award is for either an individual member of staff or an entire team who consistently provide high quality feedback in a timely manner. Their feedback will be thorough, constructive, help you to improve and make you feel confident about tackling your next assignment. It could be verbal, written, on Turnitin or Moodle, but will always be encouraging, accessible and useful.

- + Given in a timely manner to help students when completing their next project/piece of work
- + Praises good aspects and explains why some aspects were weaker
- + Feedback is a continuous process, given throughout the course, not just after assessments
- + Provided in flexible formats that are suited to students' needs
- + Encourages continuing development

BEST POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISOR

Your supervisor has a great influence on your study and research. The best postgraduate supervisor will be someone who provides constructive and timely feedback, is approachable, treats you as a peer, understands the importance of research culture and encourages your professional development. They will have expertise and passion for the subject and will guide you to reach your full potential.

- + Approachable, supportive and helpful
- + Supports a vibrant research culture
- + Offers excellent guidance and support
- + Provides constructive, timely feedback
- + Encourages professional development

BEST UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISOR

A good supervisor can make a massive difference during your time at university. If your supervisor is outstanding, inspirational and encouraging, you might want to nominate them for this award. They will be someone who is supportive but challenging, flexible but guiding and offers excellent support. You will feel like you can reach your goals under their supervision.

- + Approachable, supportive and helpful

- + Expertise and passion for the subject
- + Helps students to reach their full potential
- + Provides constructive, timely feedback
- + Encourages professional development

BEST PERSONAL TUTOR

Your personal tutor is there to make sure you have everything you need whilst you are studying. The best personal tutor is someone who puts your needs first, supports you with different aspects of your life or study and has made a difference to you. They will understand what it is like to be a student, treat you as an individual and keep you on track.

- + Supportive, helpful and listens to and cares about your needs
- + Available to help whenever possible
- + Excellent understanding and knowledge of student life
- + Provides relevant, helpful guidance
- + Encouraging and friendly

OUTSTANDING INNOVATION IN TEACHING

Is there someone at Manchester Met who does something completely different and innovative when they teach? Do they use a range of approaches and techniques to



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bring the subject to life? Are they creative, imaginative, humorous or versatile in the way that they teach? If so, this is the award they deserve. An innovative teacher will adapt their teaching methods based on student feedback and will be committed to continuous improvement.

- + Tries out creative and relevant techniques
- + Uses new, unique methods to engage students
- + Explains why new techniques are being tried and how they will be evaluated
- + Values student feedback and adapts teaching as a result
- + Commitment to continuous improvement

OUTSTANDING TEACHING FOR EMPLOYABILITY

This award recognises an individual or team who works hard to prepare you for employment and life beyond university. Have they given you useful guidance? Have they shared their expertise and encouraged you to go for your 'dream job'? Have they promoted extra opportunities such as volunteering, societies, shadowing or the Futures Skills Award? They will have helped you develop as a professional and will have increased your confidence in seeking employment.

- + Links with professional practice and graduate employers to help students develop as professionals
- + Will do all they can to assist students in getting placements, work experience and real world assessments
- + Brings in guest speakers to relevant lectures
- + Makes connections between the course and application in the 'real world'
- + Provides opportunities for students to experience the professional environment (for example, through field trips, visits and events)

OUTSTANDING TEACHING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable teaching can mean many different things, so this award is open to your interpretation. You may want to nominate a staff member who promotes sustainable living and our responsibilities to our environment. Sustainability also involves consideration of social justice, ethics and wellbeing both in and out of the classroom. There may be a class where you can pass on the subject matter to other students or people in your community, or you may be able to feed in to how your course can be sustained for future years. This award is for someone who is empowering all learners to transform themselves and the society they live in for the benefit of us all.

- + Continually explores ideas around environmental stewardship
- + Raises issues of social responsibility and social justice within the curriculum
- + Promotes sustainable / environmentally friendly living
- + Develops an understanding of the future impacts of practices on the wellbeing of the environment and society
- + Empowers students to link this understanding to their personal and professional life so they transform themselves and society