



# **DISTINGUISHED EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

**2020-2021**

Further Information: <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/cherp/awards-and-funding/internal-awards-for-teaching-and-learning>

**Closing date: noon on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**

## About the Distinguished Education Excellence Awards

These awards were introduced in Academic Year 2017-18 and replaced the previous Distinguished Learning and Teaching Support Fellowship Awards. The purpose of the **Distinguished Education Excellence Awards** is to recognise, reward and celebrate colleagues<sup>1</sup> who demonstrate teaching and learner support excellence and to create a proactive learning community within Ulster where excellent practice can influence wider enhancement.

The Award Recipients will have demonstrated excellence directly related to one or more of the Educational Excellence themes and priorities within *five& fifty*.

### The Application Process:

Applications consist of Case Studies and Line Manager Endorsements depending on the category of award. Full details and Pro-Formas are available from the Awards website <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/cherp/awards-and-funding/internal-awards-for-teaching-and-learning>

### How are the awards judged?

The award scheme is judged by a panel including the Dean of Learning Enhancement, representative Associate Dean(s) Education, representatives of CHERP, the Awards' Manager, representative University National Teaching Fellow and the President of UUSU.

### The Award:

All Award winners will receive a Certificate of Recognition. Formal presentations will be made to the winners at a ceremony.

The Award winners are encouraged to engage with opportunities to participate in a range of CHERP activities such as strategic consultations, mentoring and targeted developmental activities.

Award winners will be encouraged to share, present and promote good practice within the University and, where relevant, other institutions. Award winners will have access to funding to support their professional development.

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<sup>1</sup> All applicants must hold an appropriate category of HEA fellowship

### **Early Career Educator Award**

The **Early Career Educator Award** is awarded to individuals who have been teaching/supporting learning in HE for **four years or less** and can demonstrate an outstanding contribution to learning, teaching and/or assessment practice within the University.

Applicants should have achieved FHEA at the time of making their application.

### **Sustained Educational Excellence Award**

The **Sustained Educational Excellence Award** is awarded to individuals who have been teaching/supporting learning in HE for more than **four years** and can demonstrate a sustained body of outstanding practices that have impacted significantly on students and influenced the practice of peers within the University.

Applicants should have achieved SFHEA at the time of making their application.

### **Excellence in Learner Support Award**

The **Excellence in Learner Support Award** is awarded to individuals who have a track record of supporting learning in HE and can demonstrate an outstanding contribution to the student learning experience at Ulster University. Any member of staff who supports learning in a professional service or technician role is eligible.

Applicants should have achieved AFHEA, or another category of HEA fellowship, at the time of making their application.

### **Educational Leadership Award**

The **Educational Leadership Award** is awarded to individuals who have been involved with teaching/supporting learning in HE for more than **four years** and can demonstrate a sustained body of outstanding, purposeful leadership in L&T that has impacted significantly on L&T practices and/or policy at Ulster leading to transformative outcomes.

Applicants should have achieved SFHEA at the time of making their application.

### **Professional Practice Innovation Award**

The **Professional Practice Innovation Award** is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated an approach that has had excellent impact on the student learning experience at Ulster University. Any member of staff who teaches or supports learning at Ulster University is eligible.

Applicants should have achieved AFHEA, or another category of HEA fellowship, at the time of making their application.

### **Collaborative Excellence Award**

The **Collaborative Excellence Award** is awarded to teams who have a track record of supporting learning in HE and can demonstrate a team-based initiative that has led to positive impact on L&T.

All team leads, and normally all team members, should have achieved AFHEA, or another category of HEA fellowship, at the time of making their application.