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**Application Form**

October 2024

**Distinguished Research Award Category**

**Research Excellence Awards**

**DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARDS CATEGORY**

**2024/25 APPLICATION FORM**

 **NOTES FOR NOMINEE**:

* There are various elements to this application form - to be completed by Nominee/Nominator/Research Director - so please allow sufficient time to complete.

* The Nominee is responsible for ensuring all elements are completed and that the form is submitted by the closing date.
* When completing this form please refer to the Distinguished Research Awards Guidance notes.

**Completed forms should be submitted to the relevant Associate Dean (Research & Innovation) by no later than 12 noon on Friday 10 January 2025.**

**SECTION 1: NOMINEE PERSONAL DETAILS**

**Full Name:**

**Job Title:**

**Year of Appointment:**

**Faculty:**

**Unit of Assessment:**

**School:**

**Nominated by:**

(or own name if Self

Nominated**)**

**SECTION 2: A STATEMENT OF NOMINATION BASED ON RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS (maximum 1000 words)**

*Part a) of this section may be completed by the nominator or nominee (if self-nominating)*

a) Statement of nomination describing the nature and significance of the nominee’s research accomplishments;

b) Brief statement by the nominee on how he/she, if successful would use the Award to further his/her research;

**SECTION 3: INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR A DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD (maximum 1500 words excluding questions)**

*This section is to be completed by the nominee. Please provide information and appropriate evidence in relation to questions a) to d) and if appropriate e)*

**a) Outputs/Publications (50%)**Please outline your record of research outputs which are recognised internationally in terms of originality, significance and rigour with at least one of these outputs having been judged to be internationally excellent. Nominees are asked to provide details of their 3 best research outputs outlining why they are considered important.

**b) Impact (20%)** Please outline evidence of having generated research impact as per HEFCE’s definition of impact for REF (See Appendix in guidance document);

**c) Evidence of Leadership and Successful PhD Supervision (15%)**

Please outline evidence of having attained leadership qualities, such as: successful supervision of doctoral students (other than for PhD by Published Works); line management of research staff, collaborative research projects, establishment of research teams, etc;

**d) External Funding (15%)**

Please outline evidence of external funding awards where you are named contributor, commensurate with your academic discipline. (Note: consideration will be given as to whether the nominee is PI on an award as well as the prestige of the awarding body).

e) In assessing submissions, the Panel/Awards Committee will take account of any situation where the nominee has lost time in their career through family commitments, illness, late entry into higher education, part-time status or other individual staff circumstances. In the event of such circumstances being pertinent, the application should highlight that they wish special circumstances to be considered and include details of the time period(s) that the individual was away from the University.

**SECTION 4: A SUPPORTING STATEMENT FROM THE RESEARCH DIRECTOR**

The Research Directors are requested to provide a statement that endorses the evidence provided by the nominee in respect of their research and scholarly accomplishments. Please also comment on the nominee’s achievements in relation to how they meet the criteria at a level commensurate with the discipline.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Any member of Academic/Research staff who has been in an Academic/Research post for at least 5 years but less than 15 years.

**Declaration**

I have read and understood the eligibility criteria and confirm that I am eligible to apply for this category of award.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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