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**Application Form**

October 2025

**Research Recognition Award Category**

**Research Excellence Awards**

**RESEARCH RECOGNITION AWARD CATEGORY**

**2025/26 APPLICATION FORM**

***(Applicable to the Faculty of Life and Health Sciences and the Faculty of Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment only).***

**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 Research Recognition Awards Guidance notes.

**Completed forms should be submitted to the relevant Associate Dean for Research & Innovation in either the Faculty of Life and Health Sciences or the Faculty of Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment, by no later than 12 noon on Friday 16 January 2026.**

**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 achievements and contributions;

b) Brief statement by the nominee on how they, if successful, would use the Award to further their research;

**SECTION 3: INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR A RESEARCH RECOGNITION 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 c) and if appropriate d)*

**a) Significant and demonstrable contributions to research (50%)**

Please outline your exceptional early and ongoing achievements that have made significant and demonstrable contributions to research resulting in positive outcomes in projects, publications, funding application activities or related initiatives;

**b) Contribution for Impact (25%)**

Please outline contributions that are having a sustained and positive impact on the institution and/or broader society by way of civic impact;

**c) Active Contribution to team (25%)**

Please outline your active contribution to team decisions and projects both in terms of time and effort to help the team achieve its shared goals;

**d)** 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 to 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.

**SECTION 5: CITATION**

Please include a 150-word summary of your nomination that will be published on the University awards web pages should your nomination be judged a 2026 winner.

Rather than a biography of you/your nominee or a list of the team members, we encourage you to focus on summarising the outcomes delivered, what makes the person or project so impactful, why the individual or team contribution is so powerful or special, and the difference it makes within the University or beyond.

This short story will inspire future nominations to the Ulster Excellence Awards, share best practice and encourage collaboration and connections.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Any postdoctoral researcher in the Faculty of Life and Health Sciences or Faculty of Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment, who is within 5 years of their first research appointment (Research Associate/Research Assistant), including any relevant prior appointments, who is actively engaged in conducting research.

**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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