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**Dean of the Doctoral College Award for Excellence in PhD Research Supervision**

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**Application Form**

October 2025

**Research Excellence Awards**

**DEAN OF THE DOCTORAL COLLEGE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PHD RESEARCH SUPERVISION**

**2025/26 APPLICATION FORM**

**NOTES FOR NOMINEE**:

* There are various elements to this application form - to be completed by Nominee/Nominator/Letters of Support - 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 Dean of the Doctoral College Award for Excellence in PhD Supervision Guidance notes.

**Completed forms should be submitted to the relevant Faculty Associate Dean for Research and Innovation no later than 12 noon on Friday 16 January 2026.**

**SECTION 1: NOMINEE PERSONAL DETAILS**

**Full Name:**

**Job Title:**

**Faculty:**

**Unit of Assessment:**

**School:**

**Nominated by:**

(or own name if Self

Nominated**)**

**SECTION 2: SUPPORTING STATEMENT OF NOMINATION BASED ON NOMINATION CRITERIA (maximum 1000 words).**

Nominations should demonstrate excellence in two or more of the following areas:

**1. Researcher Success**

Timely completions, publications, career progression.

**2. Development Support**

Engagement with development plans, training, and mentoring.

**3. Research Culture**

Fostering inclusive, ethical, and collaborative environments.

**4. Innovation in Supervision**

Use of creative approaches, digital tools, or interdisciplinary methods.

**5. Feedback and Recognition**

Positive testimonials from supervisees and peers.

Research Supervision Awardees will be expected to share their experience and practice with colleagues at Ulster supported by Doctoral College. They will be expected to provide ongoing leadership in PhD supervision through involvement in the Doctoral College led initiatives for PhD supervision and mentoring colleagues.

**SECTION 3: 3 LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM PHD RESEARCHERS OR COLLEAGUES**

Letters of support for the award nomination can be appended with the submission. Please include details of PhD researchers/Colleagues with their signature of approval for use for the submission of this application.

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| **Supporting Letter 1:** | |
| I agree that [***Name of Nominee****]* has sought approval for the use of my supporting letter for the application of Dean of the Doctoral College award for excellence in PhD research supervision. | |
| Name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Signature: |  |
| **Supporting Letter 2:** | |
| I agree that [***Name of Nominee****]* has sought approval for the use of my supporting letter for the application of Dean of the Doctoral College award for excellence in PhD research supervision. | |
| Name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Signature: |  |
| **Supporting Letter 3:** | |
| I agree that [***Name of Nominee****]* has sought approval for the use of my supporting letter for the application of Dean of the Doctoral College award for excellence in PhD research supervision. | |
| Name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Signature: |  |

**SECTION 4: 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 member of staff who is involved in PhD supervision at Ulster University and has been providing:

* PhD supervision over a period of 5 years.
* Has supervised at least one PhD researcher to successful completion.
* Previous award winners may not be re-nominated for the same category of award until at least three years have passed since their previous success.
* Those who have been nominated previously but did not receive an award can be nominated again the following year.

**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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