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**Outstanding External Collaborative Research Team Award**

**Application Form**

October 2025

**Research Excellence Awards**

**OUTSTANDING EXTERNAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH TEAM AWARD**

**2025/26 APPLICATION FORM**

**NOTES FOR TEAM**:

* The Team 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 Outstanding External Collaborative Research Team Award Guidance notes.

**The completed form should be submitted to Connie Gerrow at** [**C.Gerrow@ulster.ac.uk**](mailto:C.Gerrow@ulster.ac.uk) **by no later than 12 noon on Friday 16 January 2026.**

**SECTION 1: PROJECT**

**Research Project Title:**

**Background/Summary of research project (max. 200 words)**

**SECTION 2: TEAM DETAILS**

**Team Lead**

**Team Lead Name:**

**Job Title:**

**Faculty:**

**Unit of Assessment:**

**School:**

Please list the team members below

* Teams should be made up of members of staff who have made a meaningful contribution to the external collaborative research project - academic, research, business support, technical, etc.
* A Team will represent the core team and normally consist of a minimum of 3 and maximum of 10 members

**Internal (Ulster University) Team Members**

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| **Name** | **Job Title** | **School** | **Email Address** |
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**External Collaborators**

Please list the project’s external collaborators (for example, other HEIs, organisations, public sector bodies, charities or businesses).

**External Collaborators**

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| **Organisation/Business** | **Main Contact Name** | **Job Title** | **Email Address** |
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**SECTION 3: INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE OUTSTANDING EXTERNAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH TEAM AWARD (maximum 3000 words excluding questions)**

*Please provide information and appropriate evidence in relation to questions a), b) and c) below.*

*Please note if you are including any lists, i.e. lists of publications, grants, events etc, rather than use them here as part of your word count, you can put these in as an appendix and cross refer.*

**a) Impact – Contribution to society and economy (40%)**What impact was achieved as a result of this external collaborative research project?   
(See REF document link, page 68 for [REF definition of impact](https://2021.ref.ac.uk/publications-and-reports/guidance-on-submissions-201901/index.html));

**b) Team Aspect (30%)**

1. *Internal Team:* Please outline how the internal team structure worked in delivering excellent research. For example, what was the rationale for the composition of the internal team and how has this team approach been an advantage? Did the internal team include a range of staff members (i.e., senior researchers, early career researchers, technical staff, business development etc.) and how did the team benefit from the variety of skills, expertise and support that the members brought?
2. *External Team*: How has the collaboration with the external partners enhanced the delivery of this research project and how has this external collaboration demonstrated an advantage?

**c) Outputs (30%)**

What outputs have been produced as a result of this collaborative research project? Outputs can include the generation of research funding, significant events, new collaborations, the production of research outputs such as publications, patents, performances, devices, reports etc.

**SECTION 4: APPENDIX (OPTIONAL)**

*Please use this section to append any lists that you require to add, that you have referenced above. Note there is no word limitation on this section, it does not count as part of the 3,000-word limit.*

**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.

**SECTION 6: Team Lead Declaration**

I have read and fully endorse the validity of the claims made in this application for the Outstanding External Collaborative Research Team Award

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

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