

FoNS Annual Prizes for Excellence 2024

Education Prizes

The FoNS Education Prizes aim to recognise, highlight and celebrate true excellence across the Faculty.

There is an open nomination process- any member of staff from across the Faculty can nominate and nominees may include those based within departments, within the Faculty team, and beyond. Nominations can be made for individuals or teams in all categories and we strongly encourage nominations for 'up-and-coming talent', rather than those who have been awarded before, or who have been put forward for College-level prizes.

A Faculty-level panel will review nominations and decide upon the winners.

The prize categories are as follows:

1. Excellence in Innovation in Teaching
2. Excellence in the Support of Teaching and Learning
3. Excellence in Supporting the Student Experience
4. Excellence in the enhancement and support of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
5. Excellence in the pursuit of Outreach, Public and Community Engagement
6. Excellence in Health and Safety

Nominations for category 1 should be supported by someone knowledgeable in the field.

Nominations for categories 2-3 should be supported by students, via the Student Representation network.

Education Prize categories

Excellence in Innovation in Teaching

These awards are available to any member of staff for excellence in any aspect of teaching and learning. Nominations will demonstrate that an individual has made a significant impact locally, nationally or globally; will be aligned to, or push beyond, Imperial's Learning and Teaching Strategy; and will serve as a best-practice exemplars for other educators within the College or across the sector. Examples of excellence might include:

- The development and successful introduction of new and innovative teaching methods that would be recognised as exemplary in their field
- Innovative teaching and assessment that have a significant, positive impact on students' learning
- The publication of an academic paper in a recognised education journal that develops new insights into teaching and learning

A total of 2 prizes are available in this category.

Excellence in the Support of Teaching and Learning

These awards are available to staff for excellence in developing or implementing activities that support wider teaching and learning. These activities will demonstrate a significant positive impact on how students learn or how staff are able to educate.

Examples of excellence might include:

- developing new systems or processes that have a significant, positive impact on teaching administration or practice.
- Supporting an engaging and inclusive learning environment

A total of 2 prizes are available in this category.

Excellence in Supporting the Student Experience

These awards are available to any member of staff for excellence in the support of students and the student experience, including, but not restricted to, personal tutoring; mentoring; wellbeing and pastoral support. We will be looking to recognise those staff who have made a significant impact through the provision of outstanding support and guidance, or the development of activities and initiatives that significantly enhance the experience of undergraduate and/ or postgraduate students.

A total of 2 prizes are available in this category.

Excellence in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

These awards recognise an individual or team who have delivered a project or initiative that significantly contributes to the enhancement of equality, diversity and inclusion across the student body.

A total of 2 prizes are available in this category.

Excellence in Outreach, Public and Community Engagement

These awards recognise those members of the FoNS community who have delivered inspiring outreach and/or engagement activities with schools, community groups, and/ or the general public.

Examples might include:

- Improving the learning opportunities of less-advantaged young people, as part of our widening participation aims
- Working in close partnership with local community groups to develop a solution to a social or research challenge
- Leading a successful outreach initiative that engages children in natural sciences

A total of 4 prizes are available, across the following sub-categories:

- a. Undergraduate student
- b. Postgraduate student
- c. Group or Team
- d. Staff

Prizes for Excellence in Health and Safety

In addition to our Education Prizes, the Faculty also offers awards for Health and Safety.

These awards are given in recognition of excellence in promoting and implementing safe practices across the Faculty. In some circumstances, the Award may be made to a group where it is felt that it is not possible to attribute individual contributions.

A total of 4 prizes are available, one each in the following categories:

- Academic Staff
- Support Staff

- Post Doc
- Student

The support staff award is named 'The Jan de Abela-Borg Support Staff Award for Excellence in Health and Safety' in memory of Jan de Abela-Borg, Faculty Safety Manager, who passed away in 2014.

Nomination procedure

Nominations must be made using the online form here:

https://imperial.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2lzJSoh3HfQXxcy

The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 17.00.**

Education Prize Review Panel

The panel will be formed of the following:

- Vice-Dean (Education) (Chair)
- Faculty Senior Tutor
- Head of Education and Student Experience
- RCSU Deputy President (Education) (Support of Teaching and Learning/ Supporting the Student Experience Prizes)
- RCSU Deputy President (Welfare) (Support of Teaching and Learning/ Supporting the Student Experience Prizes)
- A representative from the Educational Development Unit (Innovation in Teaching Prizes)
- The Associate Dean (EDI) and Education and EDI Coordinator (EDI Prizes)
- The Faculty Outreach Manager (Outreach, Public and Community Engagement Prizes)

Useful Links and information:

FoNS Prizes for Excellence webpages (including names of previous winners):

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/natural-sciences/education-and-teaching/fons-annual-prizes-for-excellence/>

President's Awards for Excellence in Education:

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/leadership-and-strategy/provost/vice-provost-education/presidents-awards-for-excellence-in-education/>

Provost's Awards for Excellence Health and Safety:

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/safety/safety-by-topic/provosts-awards-for-excellence-in-health-and-safety/>