

The President's Awards for Excellence in Education

Award Guidelines

The President's Award for Excellence in Research Supervision

These awards are for exceptional supervision, encouragement, and support of doctoral or postgraduate research students. This could include excellence in the following areas:

- Creating a stimulating environment for research
- Encouraging students to innovate and push boundaries
- Fostering an inclusive and diverse culture
- Being available, approachable, and supportive
- Offering high quality advice and guidance
- A strong record of successful student completion and progression
- A wider commitment to postgraduate education

Nominators will also be asked to provide one or more student references and to provide evidence of student progression as a result of the nominee's supervision.

Eligibility

- Nominations can be made by any member of Imperial staff
- This award is open to individual nominations only
- Self-nomination is not permitted for this award category

The nomination must be completed by **Friday 15 March 2024**.

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 (i.e. winners of 2021, 2022 and 2023 cannot be re-nominated for the same award in 2024).

Those who have been nominated previously but did not receive an award can be nominated again the following year.

Up to three awards will be made, including up to one President's Medal for Excellence in Research Supervision.

Selection Criteria

There are three criteria, equally weighted:

- Departmental Reference
- Student progression and subsequent career success
- Student feedback, based upon the student reference

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Nomination process

The awards are decided by a selection panel, representing all faculties, and chaired by the Director of the Graduate School.

Please ensure relevant written student feedback is included with this nomination as well as evidence of how the nominee meets the relevant criteria.

All nominations should be underpinned by consistently role modelling the College's expected values and behaviours, Respect, Collaboration, Integrity, Innovation and Excellence.

There are 5 sections that make up the Research Supervision nomination form.

- Departmental Reference (max 300 words)
 - o Please state what your nominee has done to merit and award and provide supporting evidence, e.g., examples of where the nominee has:
 - created a good working environment, enthusing students and encouraging open discussion and debate.
 - inspired and created opportunities for students.
 - fostered an inclusive and diverse culture
 - been supportive and approachable
 - provided the student with good overall strategic guidance and supervision.
 - encouraged students to complete their work on time, to present their work at appropriate meetings, and to publish their data in a timely manner.
- Student Reference (max 300 words)
 - o Please provide citations from current or recent students attesting to the nominee's excellence in research supervision.
- Student Progression (max 300 words)
 - o Please provide a summary of the progress of students under the nominee's supervision. Include information on the number of students supervised to completion and examples of outstanding student achievements and/or successful career progression after completing the PhD.
- Head of Department Reference (max 300 words)
 - o Please provide a short reference from the Head of Department giving approval for this nomination.
- Nominator Comments
 - o Any additional comments that may provide more evidence for the nomination

The selection panel will ONLY draw on the evidence presented in the nomination form when making their decision, so please ensure a good case is presented for submission.

Attachments are permitted.