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UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

President's Awards for Research Excellence 2023
Application deadline 5pm 14 February 2024

Overview

Our Research and Innovation Mission

The research community at University of Galway exemplifies the creative energy and transformative ambition of the university.

We pursue enquiry as an intrinsic good, share our insights locally and globally as a public good, and ensure that research has a significant impact for all our communities of engagement.

Aim of the awards

The President's Awards for Research Excellence celebrates the outstanding contributions of our research community to our research and innovation mission.

Timeline

Steps	Date
Application Process Opens	15 Dec 2023
Closing date for nominations	5pm 14 Feb 2024
Notification of those nominated for a Supervisor Award only and invitation to fill out Part B.	21 Feb 2024
Expected closing date for the submission of the Supervisor Awards Part B.	14 Mar 2024
Convening of panels for review of all submissions *	March/April
Notification of outcome to all nominated *	March/April

timing subject to panel availability

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Categories

Applications are sought across five award categories:

1. **Early-Career Researcher (within 7 years of PhD)**

   - Recognition of research excellence commensurate with career stage.
   - To qualify for this category, nominees must be a member of research or academic staff within 7 years of PhD conferring date.[1]

2. **Mid-Career Researcher (between 7-15 years of PhD)**

   - Recognition of research excellence commensurate with career stage.
   - To qualify for this category, nominees must be a member of research or academic staff between 7-15 years of PhD conferring date.

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3. **Established Researcher Award**

   - Recognition of distinguished achievements/outstanding contributions at an established career stage.
   - To qualify for this category, nominees must be a member of research or academic staff more than 15 years post-PhD.

4. **Research Supervisor Award**

   - Recognition of excellent research supervision and the early career development of research students.

5. **Research Team Award**

   - Recognition of an outstanding and impactful research initiative or project based on a collaborative team approach, involving two or more members of research and/or academic staff.
   - Significant milestones of the research project/initiative should have been completed in the last 3-5 years.

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[1] Allowance will be given for documented leave in line with ERC guidelines. For maternity, the effective elapsed time since the start date will be considered reduced by 18 months for each child born before or after the start date. For paternity, the effective elapsed time since the start date will be considered reduced by the documented amount of paternity leave actually taken for each child born before or after the start date. For long-term illness, clinical training or national service the effective elapsed time since the start date will be considered reduced by the documented amount of leave actually taken.

Nomination process

The completed Nomination Form must be completed and submitted by one of the nominators as a single pdf via the Application Submission form on the dedicated section of the Research Community Portal according to timelines set out above. Further details are as follows:

Individual Researcher Awards (Early-Career, Mid-Career, Established)	• University of Galway research and academic staff are eligible for nomination. • An individual can only win once in a given category within a five-year period. • Only one award will be presented to an individual in a given year. • Each nomination must be proposed by two University of Galway staff members and submitted by one of these individuals via the dedicated section on the Research Community Portal. • All nominees must have an up-to-date IRIS profile.
Supervisor Awards	• Nominees must be nominated by either one or two students – one of whom must be a currently registered research student who will submit the application via the dedicated section on the Research Community Portal. • The second student, if there is one, may be either a former or current student of the nominee. • Self-nomination is not permitted. • An individual can only make one nomination. • Nominations may only be made using the dedicated section on the Research Community Portal. • Subsequent to the closing date, those nominated for the Research Supervisor Award will be contacted by Research Office to complete the final stage of the application process. • Failure to complete or comply with the requirements will result in withdrawal official form of the application without review.
Team Award	• Nominations – which should involve two or more members of research and/or academic staff - must be proposed by two University of Galway staff members. • All shortlisted team nominations may be highlighted when the Awards are publicly announced.

Evaluation panel and criteria

The assessment panels will include representatives of the following: Vice-President for Research and Innovation, Vice-Deans for Research and Innovation, Dean of Graduate Studies, Vice-Deans of Graduate Studies, Directors of Research Institutes, Director of Planning and Institutional Research, and an External Representative.

The Evaluation Panel will assess the following criteria:

Individual Researcher Awards (relevant to career stage)

Research Activity	**Does the nominee contribute to the body of knowledge in their area?** This might include: planning and carrying out high-quality research; attracting research funding; building and/or leading research groups; providing supervision and support for postgraduate students to enable them to produce quality research; networking and collaborating with others, both internally and externally, to optimise the value and relevance of their research; and/or communicating their research activity/outcomes to the public or other stakeholders.
Research Outputs	**Does the nominee demonstrate a record of research outputs recognised for originality, significance and rigour?** This may include publications in leading international journals and conferences and in peer-reviewed book chapters, authored books and/or monographs, edited volumes, research reports, policy briefs, data sets, invention disclosures, creative disclosures, etc.
Research Impact and Recognition	**Impact:** Evidence of substantial impact of research (or expected impact), whether academic, cultural, economic, educational, environmental, health, political, social or technological. This may be achieved through research outputs, research-based collaborations, engagement with government, the public sector, society, cultural bodies, industry, commercialisation of research, patents, etc., as appropriate to the discipline. **Recognition:** Has the nominee's expertise/research been recognised through awards, honorary memberships, participation in advisory groups, etc. *For more detail on types of impact visit* https://stories.universityofgalway.ie/what-is-research-impact/index.html

Supervisor Awards

Experience of successful supervision:	Does the nominee have significant experience of supervising research students to successful timely completion?
Excellence in research supervision:	Does the nominee provide effective research training aligned with the principles of the National Framework for Doctoral Education?[2]
Support for research student career development:	Does the nominee provide effective mentorship to research students, by providing opportunities for tailored training relevant to students' career aspirations, aligned to the IUA PhD Graduate Skills statement? [3]

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[2] https://hea.ie/assets/uploads/2017/04/national_framework_for_doctoral_education_0.pdf
[3] https://www.iua.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/IUA-PhD-Graduate-Skills-Statement-2021-final.pdf

Team Award

The research initiative or project	Is the team's research initiative/project addressing a pressing/significant/challenging research question/problem?
Collaboration and Team Approach	Does the application demonstrate a team approach? Is there collaboration with others, between or across disciplines and/or engagement with stakeholders*?
Outputs/Impact	Has the team delivered excellent outputs and impact?*

*Significant milestones of the research project/initiative should have been completed in the last 3-5 years.

Award allocation

Within each individual category 2 x €1,000 awards will be made to support the research activity of the recipient or the continued development of excellent research supervision.

Within each category, one award goes to each of the following:
- A researcher from within the Colleges of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies or Business, Public Policy and Law
- A researcher from within the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Health Sciences, or Science and Engineering

There will be one Research Team Award with a number shortlisted in advance of the announcement of the overall awardee.

This is the ninth round of the awards, details of past award recipients are available here.

Submission
- Nomination Forms are available on the dedicated section of the Research Community Portal.
- Allow time to gather supporting details and materials as necessary to the category.
- Nominations and any supporting documents must be submitted as a SINGLE PDF document via the application submission form on the dedicated section of the Research Community Portal.
- Please adhere to the deadlines given above.