



### Awards Criteria:

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<b>Student Staff Member of the Year</b>	It's not just staff that provide services here at the University. This award recognises those students who provide outstanding services and help to brighten your day either within departments, hospitality, accommodation or the sports centre.
<b>Lecturer of the Year</b>	Awarded to a lecturer who makes a significant contribution to the academic experience of students, whether inspiring students with a passion for the subject, energising the lecture room or going above and beyond to make your classes engaging. This person will epitomise what it means to have an Aberystwyth University education.
<b>Support/Service Staff Member of the Year</b>	Your university experience isn't just confined to your lectures. This award recognises those members of the university community who provide outstanding support or enhance your experiences outside of the classroom. This might be a member of security letting you back into your halls when you've forgotten your key or the barista in Tamed Da who serves your 9am latte.
<b>Academic Representative of the Year</b>	This award recognises an Academic Representative who has been consistently active throughout the year. They effectively voice the opinions of all students on their course, regularly attend SSCCs, feed-back information to their peers and demonstrate great organisational and interpersonal skills.
<b>Student Volunteer of the Year</b>	Awarded to an individual whose volunteering has had a clear and tangible impact on their group, project or cause. They will have shown a high level

	of commitment and be a positive role model for student volunteering and AberSU.
<b>Shape Aber Award</b>	Recognises the contribution of students who have helped to make a difference to the university or local community. This could be a student who has actively helped to improve the student experience by representing their peers, being involved with community action or campaigning for change.
<b>Student Mentor of the Year</b>	This award recognises the important role of mentors in supporting students and helping inspire and motivate them throughout their course. Good mentors demonstrate empathy with their mentees, provide an environment that encourages questions and have knowledge of their department and a range of university services.
<b>Supervisor of the Year</b>	Awarded to an undergraduate or postgraduate supervisor who gives outstanding supervision as part of a project, dissertation or thesis. This may be by providing motivation, feedback and exceptional guidance that helps to provide clear direction for your work. They may also inspire passion for your area of study, promoting opportunities for professional development or further research.
<b>Department of the Year</b>	This category recognises a department (or Institute) which makes exceptional positive contributions to the academic experience of its students. Staff work together to provide a welcoming environment and a high standard of learning, teaching and support. It recognises a department that students are proud to be part of.
<b>Hyrwyddwr Iaith Gymraeg (Welsh Language Champion)</b>	This award acknowledges those members of staff across all departments and roles who make the Welsh language and cultural experience of Aberystwyth University 'da iawn'. They champion Welsh in everything they do and inspire students to take Welsh further.
<b>Postgraduate Teacher of the Year</b>	It's not just lecturers who positively impact upon your academic experience. Many postgraduates take on teaching responsibilities in addition to their full-time study. This award recognises a postgraduate student who makes an outstanding contribution when teaching, leading a seminar or demonstrating.

<b>Personal Tutor of the Year</b>	This award recognises a personal tutor who is passionate about helping students and ensuring their time at university is the best it can be. This member of staff provides excellent levels of pastoral care, support and guidance.
<b>Creative Teaching Award</b>	This member of staff uses creative and innovative ways to engage students with their learning. Their use of technology, resources or ways in which they extend learning beyond the classroom helps you further engage and enjoy the the subject matter, as well as improve your understanding.
<b>Next Step Award</b>	This award recognises a staff member in any department who has helped to prepare you for life after university. They may have helped you find opportunities to enhance your personal development, career choices or achieve your full potential. You will feel prepared for your next adventure as a result of the knowledge, experience, time or connections they use to help support your next step in life.
<b>Leading Inclusivity Award</b>	This award recognises a member of staff or student who upholds and champions equal opportunities for all regardless of their background or current situation. They work towards ensuring inclusivity and equality for under-represented groups and help to raise awareness or create change through events, campaigns and other activities.
<b>Special Mentions</b>	This award may be given at the discretion of the panel to recognise the outstanding work of a member of the University community who has contributed to a students' experience, but does not fit into one of the other categories.