

Education Excellence Awards Outcome

14/03/2025

Dear Mrs Nancy Brown

Following careful consideration by the Distinguished Education Excellence Judging Panel, I am delighted to inform you that your team have been awarded the **Distinguished Collaborative Education Excellence Fellowship**. Ulster University recognises and values excellence in learning and teaching, and a myriad of contributions made by staff that enhance student outcomes and their experience. Your team have been selected for this institutional award in recognition of the value and impact of contributions you have all made and for raising the profile of excellence in teaching. You will find more information from the Judging Panel in the Feedback and Rubric attached to this email.

I would like to invite the team to attend the Ulster Excellence Awards on the 14th May 2025, for a celebratory lunchtime event, at the [Galgorm Resort](#), where I can personally congratulate everyone on this wonderful achievement. Please 'Save the Date' in your diaries and we will be in touch with further information shortly.

The Annual Ulster Excellence Awards reflect the variety and breadth of commitment, skill, and talent at the heart of Ulster University. We are THE University of the Year in no small part because of so many individual and collective contributions that shape our character as an organisation, inform our purpose and underpin our achievements.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with colleagues to recognise a snapshot of excellence across Ulster and the role it plays in our shared ambitions and delivering our priorities. The event also creates opportunities to build and extend networks amongst colleagues that might spark further innovation and collaboration in the months and years to come.

2025 Winners Photo shoot in April:

We will be arranging a professional photo shoot for the 2025 award holders on each campus. The photos will be used to populate the Ulster Excellence Awards webpages, with profiles, details of the award and citations.

Room locations, details on how to confirm your slot, and photography consent forms will be sent to you well in advance. For now, we encourage you to make a note of these dates for your diary.

- **9 April – Belfast**
- **11 April – Coleraine**
- **14 April – Derry~Londonderry**

Website and Insight Article in May:

The Awards website will be updated during the week of the Excellence Awards event in May. Social media posts will be scheduled during and after the event.

This will be followed by a post-event story on Insight sharing the images and footage from the celebration event and updating all colleagues on this year's winners, linking to the website to find out more about team and individual impact and excellence.

Showcasing your Achievements:

I would like to showcase your achievements on our new Learning Enhancement Website and to do so we require a little more information from you. I would be very grateful if you could provide:

- a short 250-word biography/ summary. You may want to look at the previous [summary profiles](#) for ideas
- record and create a link (publicly available) to a short Panopto video no more than 2-3 minutes summarising your philosophy/approach to learning, teaching and the student experience. Please use examples from your award application. We ask that you use this [PowerPoint Template](#)
- email both the biography/summary and video to professionalpractice@ulster.ac.uk by the **11th of April 2025**

Learning Matters:

Having reviewed your practice, the Judging Panel would like to invite the team to share a case study on your work on the Learning Enhancement website as a future source of inspiration and good practice for colleagues across the institution and sector. We are keen to profile the excellent work of colleagues at Ulster and this new resource will be supported by a Learning Matters Case Study Blog. A member of the Learning Enhancement Team will be in touch in due course to discuss your case study in more detail.

Financial Award Update:

This year Ulster has taken the difficult decision to pause the monetary element of the Excellence Awards in response to the challenging financial environment that UK Universities are currently facing.

Whilst we appreciate that this is disappointing; we remain committed to recognising and celebrating the outstanding contributions made across the institution by staff through the Excellence Awards. We hope that you will still join us on the 14th May and participate in the various activities celebrating your own success and that of colleagues across the institution.

Congratulations to all team members on this wonderful achievement,

on behalf of the Distinguished Education Excellence Awards Judging Panel



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