

THE AWARDS 2021



Programme

Introduction



It is always tempting, when reflecting on the extraordinary submissions to the *Times Higher Education Awards*, to say that this was a year like no other. In 2021, this is beyond question.

Facing circumstances that no one could have foreseen, universities rose to the unparalleled challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic with grit, determination and great care.

That much is evidenced in the almost 600 entries to the 17th annual *THE Awards*, which bring together examples of the brilliance that exists across UK higher education – and now, for the first time, Irish higher education as well.

It is our enormous privilege, and an exceptionally difficult job, to spend time distilling these entries into shortlists representing the best of the best.

We know that universities are far more than the sum of their parts, but we also know how important it is to recognise the outstanding achievements that exist at every level of your amazing institutions.

So we are delighted to be back to celebrate with you, and extend our thanks and congratulations to everyone shortlisted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Gill". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "John" and "Gill" being significantly larger and more stylized than the rest of the letters.

John Gill, editor
Times Higher Education

Programme

Drinks reception

Welcome

John Gill, editor
Times Higher Education

Dinner

Awards ceremony

Hosted by Emily Maitlis
We kindly request that guests refrain from making video recordings during Emily Maitlis' introductory address.

Dancing and bar (open until 1am)

If you tweet tonight, please use the hashtag **#THEAwards**.
Afterwards, visit our **THE Awards Flickr** page for hundreds of photos from tonight's event: [flickr.com/photos/timeshighered/albums](https://www.flickr.com/photos/timeshighered/albums)

Credits

Audio-visuals: Capitol House Productions
Toastmaster: Robert Persell

Menu

Starter

Roasted beetroot, aubergine yoghurt, rocket, coriander, aubergine and feta croquettes

Main course

Shoulder fillet of lamb, potato terrine, creamed parsnip, truffle oil, port *jus*, green beans, tomato

Vegetarian main course*

Courgette and butter bean tian, potato terrine, creamed parsnip, truffle oil, port *jus*, green beans, tomato

Dessert

Jersey cream and honey cheesecake, loganberry, pear, candy floss

Coffee and petits fours

**Vegetarian option must be ordered in advance*

Although tonight's menu does not contain nuts, the food is prepared in an environment where nuts may be present. If you have a nut or any other food allergy, and have not already informed us, please let us know as soon as possible

Charity



Nightline is a listening, emotional support, information and supplies service, run by students for students. Nightlines are open at night, run by trained, caring, fellow student volunteers at universities across the UK and the Republic of Ireland. Nightline listeners can be contacted by phone, email, instant messaging service or in person.

The Nightline Association is the international umbrella charity for university Nightline services. The association supports our member Nightlines and our mission to raise the quality, profile and number of Nightline services so that every higher education student is aware of and has access to confidential emotional peer support.

Today, Nightline Association supports 39 member Nightlines based at universities across the UK and Ireland to provide crucial listening services to almost 1.6 million students.

To find your local Nightline service, visit www.nightline.ac.uk/want-to-talk/.

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Shortlist

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THE Outstanding Achievement Award

There is no shortlist for this category. The winner, chosen by *THE*, will be announced at the awards ceremony.

International Collaboration of the Year

- Birmingham City University
- The universities of Kent and Cambridge, on behalf of the GCRF COMPASS project
- Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
- N8 Research Partnership
- University of Salford
- Sheffield Hallam University

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Outstanding Research Supervisor of the Year

- Ravinder Anand-Ivell, *University of Nottingham*
- Richard Godwin, *Harper Adams University*
- Will Harvey, *University of Exeter*
- Lorraine Hope, *University of Portsmouth*
- Luca Longo, *Technological University Dublin*
- Clive Palmer, *University of Central Lancashire*
- Corina Sas, *Lancaster University*
- Rachel Tolhurst, *Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine*

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Outstanding Library Team

- University of Essex
- Lancaster University
- University of London
- Newcastle University
- UCL
- University of the Arts London

Outstanding Estates Team

- Canterbury Christ Church University
- Harper Adams University
- Newcastle University
- University of St Andrews
- University of Salford
- York St John University

Shortlist

Widening Participation or Outreach Initiative of the Year

- Brighton and Sussex Medical School
- Cardiff University
- University of Dundee
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- University of Nottingham and partners
- Waterford Institute of Technology

Knowledge Exchange/Transfer Initiative of the Year

- Aberystwyth University
- Edinburgh Napier University
- University of Glasgow (Edify)
- University of Glasgow (Lighthouse Laboratory)
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- The Open University

Technological or Digital Innovation of the Year

- Durham University
- Heriot-Watt University
- King's College London
- University of Plymouth and Plymouth College of Art
- University of Reading
- University of West London

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Outstanding Entrepreneurial University

- Anglia Ruskin University ARU
- University of Edinburgh
- Oxford Brookes University
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Swansea University
- Teesside University

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THE DataPoints Merit Award

With COP26, the UN Climate Change summit, held in Glasgow this autumn, our data team decided to look at how UK and Irish universities performed on relevant measures in the *THE* Impact Rankings. The shortlisted institutions are leading the way on practices such as energy efficiency, sustainability, environmental education and net zero carbon commitments.

- University of Aberdeen
- Bournemouth University
- University College Cork
- University of Dundee
- University of Exeter
- University of Manchester
- Newcastle University
- University of Surrey

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Research Project of the Year: STEM

- De Montfort University, in collaboration with Anglia Ruskin University
- University of Glasgow
- University of Manchester
- University of Oxford, Nuffield Department of Population Health
- University of Reading
- Royal Holloway, University of London, in collaboration with the University of York, Leeds Museums and Galleries, and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Outstanding Support for Students

- De Montfort University
- Edge Hill University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- University of Portsmouth
- RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences
- University of the West of England

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Most Innovative Teacher of the Year

- Paul Driver, *Anglia Ruskin University ARU*
- Liam Jarvis, *University of Essex*
- Chris Jones, *Pearson College London*
- Sara Namvar, *University of Salford*
- Alexia Petsalis-Diomidis, *University of St Andrews*
- Cath Seeds, *SRUC (Scotland's Rural College)*
- Rhianedd Smith, *University of Reading*
- David Wareing, *University of Central Lancashire*

Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community

- Birmingham City University
- University of Central Lancashire
- Edge Hill University
- London Metropolitan University
- National College of Ireland
- University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University

Research Project of the Year: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Bournemouth University and the University of Strathclyde
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- University of Strathclyde
- University of Sussex
- University of Westminster

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Outstanding Contribution to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- Birmingham City University
- Edinburgh Napier University
- Leeds Trinity University
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of St Andrews
- University of Strathclyde

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Technician 

Outstanding Technician of the Year

- Trevor Carey, *University College Cork*
- Andrew Filby, *Newcastle University*
- Steve Florence, *Sheffield Hallam University*
- Abbe Martyn, *University of Surrey*
- Manisha Patel, *University of Salford*
- Paul Rowley, *Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine*
- Kerry Truman, *Nottingham Trent University*
- Andy Whittam, *University of Reading*

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Business School of the Year

- Aberystwyth Business School, *Aberystwyth University*
- School of Management, *University of Bradford*
- School of Business, *University of Dundee*
- Imperial College Business School
- Leeds University Business School
- University of Sussex Business School

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Outstanding Marketing/Communications Team

- University of Derby
- University of Oxford
- University of Reading
- Swansea University
- University of the West of England
- University of the West of Scotland

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University of the Year

- Aston University
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- The Open University
- University of Sunderland
- University of York

**Enjoy the evening
and good luck**



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