

THE AWARDS 2021

Outstanding Technician of the Year

Institution name	Andrew Filby, <i>Newcastle University</i>
Submission title or project name	The Innovation, Methodology and Application Research Theme @Newcastle University: Breaking down barriers, overcoming stereotypes and promoting parity of esteem for the Technician community
Nominee/key personnel	
URL	https://research.ncl.ac.uk/ima/
Submission	<p>Within the HE sector and beyond, Technicians encounter many barriers to developing their roles and careers. Yet in the age of “team science” and a drive to improve research culture, it is essential that technicians are actively engaged in all aspects of academic research and teaching.</p> <p>Over 2019-2020, Andrew Filby has worked hard to change these perceptions through several efforts and initiatives, both within Newcastle University and in the wider arena. This has included being selected as a Technician to lead a faculty-wide research Theme composed of Technical and Academic staff built on the principles of team science and parity of esteem. He also has also shown that a Technician can successfully lead on grants and be part of the committees that make these decisions.</p>