

THE AWARDS 2021

Outstanding Estates Team

Institution name	University of St Andrews
Submission title or project name	Bio-Medical Science Building Fire and Recovery
Nominee/key personnel	
URL	
Submission	<p>In February 2019, the University of St Andrews was rocked by a major laboratory fire within its Bio-Medical Science building. The fire was particularly challenging given the significant chemical, biological and radiological contents. Eight fire crews pumped five million litres of water over several hours to bring the fire under control; damage to this vital scientific research and teaching facility was extensive.</p> <p>Throughout the ensuing disaster recovery operation, stabilisation and reestablishment of teaching and research facilities, and building reinstatement, the Estates Team has exhibited the very best virtues of 'can do' spirit, teamwork, leadership, courage, collegiality, competence, planning, and resourcefulness.</p> <p>The positive outcomes include the saving of invaluable research work spanning decades, continuity of services, and the establishment of fully equipped alternate facilities to support the recommencement of teaching for the start of AY19/20.</p>