

THE AWARDS 2021

Most Innovative Teacher of the Year

Institution name	Dr Sara Namvar, <i>University of Salford</i>
Submission title or project name	Salford Passion Flash 2020
Nominee/key personnel	Dr Sara Namvar, <i>University of Salford</i>
URL	https://vimeo.com/342037527
Submission	<p>Enhancing the employability of students is a core part of the university's strategy. More than 40% of the university's students are from a low-income background with 30% identifying themselves as BAME (20% is the national average). Initially launched by Dr Sara Namvar for a small group of Biomedicine students, PassionFlash is now a bigger and bolder competition held at the University of Salford where students are invited to deliver a TED-style talk on a subject that they are passionate about.</p> <p>The goal is to improve employability by creating a platform that allows students to develop their confidence skills and raise their aspirations. PassionFlash 2020 saw 35 students audition from 16 different degree programmes on topics ranging from sleep paralysis to folk music.</p> <p>Over 90% of students responded that post PassionFlash they had raised aspirations in their personal achievements. PassionFlash has now become an annual event run by the university, with the popularity and contributions from students growing year on year.</p>