

THE AWARDS 2021

Most Innovative Teacher of the Year

Institution name	Alexia Petsalis-Diomidis, <i>University of St Andrews</i>
Submission title or project name	
Nominee/key personnel	Alexia Petsalis-Diomidis, School of Classics, University of St Andrews
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Submission	<p>Alexia Petsalis-Diomidis has developed innovative research-led modules focused on a post-processual and sensory approach to art and religion in the ancient Mediterranean.</p> <p>Alexia reinvents the pedagogy of Classics, typically the most traditional of subjects, to make it accessible to a much wider range of students. Her most recent teaching demonstrates this with two features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) she arranges for her 3rd/4th year students to deliver a workshop to local primary school students on 'Marvelous Journeys'2) she uses an innovative assessment style, requiring a creative project, and associated reflective statement, in any medium responding to ancient primary evidence. <p>These approaches help students in their third or final years to reconnect with and develop latent skills and interests. They also stimulate the students' capacity for innovation and create a more inclusive learning atmosphere.</p> <p>These innovative approaches are rooted in Alexia's sustained commitment to inclusion and improving the student experience.</p>