

THE AWARDS 2021

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

Institution name	University of Sussex
Submission title or project name	Queerantime Study
Nominee/key personnel	Dr Laia Becares, University of Sussex; Dr Dylan Kneale, UCL
URL	https://queerantinestudy.wixsite.com/queerantime
Submission	<p>The Queerantime study aimed to understand the impact of the pandemic on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) people. We collected responses from over 700 participants using an online survey. Findings show alarmingly high levels of poor mental health and experience of discrimination because of people's gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Experiences of discrimination were associated with a threefold increase in the likelihood of reporting depression.</p> <p>We collaborated with the LGBT Foundation to disseminate results in imaginative ways, including an infographic and a video with information of findings and where to seek support.</p> <p>Throughout all avenues of dissemination, we started the conversation about the wider impact of the coronavirus pandemic on LGBTQ+ people, and raised awareness of mental health in the community.</p> <p>Our research continues to explore the impacts of the pandemic among the community and the support needed for an equitable recovery.</p>