

# THE AWARDS 2020

## Widening Participation or Outreach Initiative of the Year

<b>Institution name</b>	University of Greenwich
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	GREAt Skills
<b>Nominee/key personnel</b>	Team: Education Support Unit, part of UK Student Recruitment (Directorate of Communications and Recruitment).
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://www.gre.ac.uk/for-schools/activities/epqs">https://www.gre.ac.uk/for-schools/activities/epqs</a>
<b>Submission</b>	<p>In September 2018 the University of Greenwich worked with local teachers to launch GREAt Skills, a series of academic transition skills workshops and university visits designed to encourage students from non-traditional backgrounds to see university as a viable option and to equip them to succeed.</p> <p>Workshops were delivered during lessons or enrichment time by trained GREAt Skills Ambassadors, all current Greenwich students. In recognition of the potential financial barriers to progression to university, completion of GREAt Skills was linked to a £2000 cash scholarship.</p> <p>Over 700 students from over 30 different schools and colleges participated, including high proportions of students from areas of low participation, low income, or other deprivation indicators. Participants reported feeling overwhelmingly more confident with each of the skills covered and teachers praised the quality and impact of the sessions. Over two thirds of age-ready participants applied and were offered a place at university for September 2019.</p>