

THE AWARDS 2020

Outstanding Technician of the Year

Institution name	Samantha McCormack, <i>Buckinghamshire New University</i>
Submission title or project name	
Nominee/key personnel	Samantha McCormack, Technical Manager: Psychology, Simulation & Performance
URL	
Submission	<p>Throughout her nine years at Bucks New University, Samantha McCormack has pioneered several innovative teaching methods.</p> <p>Sam has created simulations that add authenticity to the students' learning experience and built a strong community of technicians, ensuring their skills are both recognised, and fully utilised, across a variety of courses.</p> <p>She leads a team of eight, shortlisted in the 2019 Papin Prize Awards, and is committed to their professional development by providing training in simulations and moulage – the art of applying mock wounds.</p> <p>Sam is the first simulation technician in the UK to become a Chartered Scientist with The Science Council and one of her innovations – the Dementia Simulation – won Teaching Innovation of the Year at the 2018 Student Nursing Times Awards.</p> <p>Representing the technician's voice at a variety of committees, Sam continues to be successful in ensuring visibility, recognition, and development for technicians working in higher education.</p>