

THE AWARDS 2020

Outstanding Research Supervisor of the Year

Institution name	Murray Smith, <i>University of Kent</i>
Submission title or project name	
Nominee/key personnel	Murray Smith, Professor of Film, University of Kent
URL	https://www.kent.ac.uk/arts/people/2146/smith-murray
Submission	<p>Over a period of twenty-five years, Professor Murray Smith has mentored and helped several generations of doctoral students to flourish, first of all as graduate students at the University of Kent, and later as successful academics taking up positions in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Pakistan, Portugal, and the UK.</p> <p>At Kent, these young researchers were members of and benefitted from the Aesthetics Research Centre, an internationally-recognised centre for the interdisciplinary study of film and the arts founded and directed by Professor Smith.</p> <p>Professor Smith has also been central to the emergence of cognitive film theory as a research programme, as a founder and later president (2014-17) of the Society for Cognitive Studies of the Moving Image.</p> <p>Although noted for the breadth of his interests and openness as a supervisor, it is largely through the achievements of his supervisees that 'cognitivism' has achieved such success within film studies and philosophical aesthetics.</p>