STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

	THE Awards 2019 – Most Innovative Teacher of the Year
Institution/Nominee	Rachel Bolton-King, Staffordshire University
Title	Most Innovative Teacher of the Year: Rachel Bolton-King, Associate Professor of Forensic Science
Submission	Through the successful introduction of seven innovative approaches, Rachel has transformed the student experience across three undergraduate courses. Her initiatives include: • Launching Research4Justice (www.research4justice.ac.uk), a novel open access teaching, learning and research platform for higher education and justice professionals • Writing bespoke analytics dashboards for students, personal tutors and academics • Instigating and embedding a School student-led research conference • Adopting novel technologies and teaching methods • Initiating peer-mentoring schemes within modules from Levels 4 to 7 • Introducing academic development workshops • Establishing professional social media practices and networking Rachel's passion for increasing academia-industry networking, advancing students' professional development and improving student outcomes has led to significant employment opportunities for our students, and she was instrumental in the university winning two awards for academia-industry collaboration in 2017 and 2019. She inspires students to raise their career aspirations and continually empowers staff to adopt new practices for our students' benefit.