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THE Awards 2019 – Research Project of the Year: Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Institution/Nominee	University of Dundee
Title	Dream Homes in the flood-prone river basins and deltas of Bangladesh
Key personnel	Nandan Mukherjee
Submission	<p>The University of Dundee’s Disaster Resilient Dream Home concept won the United Nation’s prestigious Risk Award for pioneering floating homes that allow families in developing countries to survive natural disasters while producing food, water, energy and sustainable livelihood options.</p> <p>Around 40% of the world’s population live less than 100km from the sea, meaning they face challenges such as rising sea levels, heavy rainfall and increasing numbers of natural disasters, which cause further complex social and economic challenges.</p> <p>In disaster-vulnerable communities, people cannot abandon their house and move to emergency shelters because of the risk of losing livelihoods and livelihood assets. Disasters also restrict access to food, water, electricity, and other necessities. The Dream Homes enable communities living at risk to think beyond immediate survival and utilise their own resources to manage disaster risks.</p>