



***THE Awards 2019 – Outstanding Technician of the Year***

Institution/Nominee	Barbara Kunz, The Open University
URL	<a href="http://www.open.ac.uk/people/bek36">http://www.open.ac.uk/people/bek36</a>
Submission	<p>Dr Barbara Kunz is a research project officer (technician) at the Open University, working on a Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) funded project ‘From arc magmas to ore systems (FAMOS)’.</p> <p>Barbara is fundamental in enabling the world-leading group of scientists driving the FAMOS consortium to undertake cutting-edge geochemical analyses at the OU mass spectrometry laboratory.</p> <p>Beyond this role, she has taken on extra responsibilities such as maintenance of instruments within the OU laboratory; teaching PhD students and academics in the laboratory; leading and publishing her own research and communicating the results to the scientific community.</p> <p>She has quickly become an integral part of the community within the School of Environment, Earth and Ecosystem Sciences at the OU, and has the exceptional practical skills, commitment and vision that enable the highest quality of teaching, research and knowledge transfer both within the OU and the wider scientific community.</p>