



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

Institution/Nominee	Mel Leitch, Newcastle University
URL	<a href="https://www.ncl.ac.uk/ion/staff/profile/melleitch.html#background">https://www.ncl.ac.uk/ion/staff/profile/melleitch.html#background</a>
Submission	<p>Mel Leitch is a stand out candidate amongst Newcastle University technical staff for nomination for this award. He has worked tirelessly with HE technical staff both within and outside the organisation to provide better recognition, greater visibility, evaluate impact &amp; increase opportunities for staff to develop and be the best they can be.</p> <p>Mel's vision for his 30-strong team has been to support Neuroscience research at every level. He consistently goes beyond what is necessary, and his dedication to good communication and influencing by example is exemplary.</p> <p>His mantra is very much about bringing positive change to the technical staff community.</p>