



THE Awards 2019 – Outstanding Research Supervisor of the Year

Institution/Nominee	Julie Thornton, University of Bradford
URL	https://www.bradford.ac.uk/css/psbru/
Submission	<p>Dr Julie Thornton is Senior Lecturer in Biomedical Sciences and was recently appointed Director of Centre for Skin Sciences at the University of Bradford. She has successfully supervised 17 PhD students from various backgrounds since her appointment as Lecturer in 2000.</p> <p>Her supervision and PGR support continued throughout periods when she was part-time (raising her family) and during her treatment for ill health. These experiences have enabled empathy in her approach to personal as well as academic challenges for PhD students developing as independent researchers.</p> <p>Non-traditional backgrounds include clinical plastic surgery Research Fellows without scientific laboratory training. Julie has been instrumental in the continued success of the Plastic Surgery & Burns Unit, the charity set up after the Bradford City football stadium fire disaster in 1985, which provides funding to support Research Fellows researching burns and wound healing.</p> <p>She strongly encourages and supports presentation and publication of PhD student work, accompanying them to conferences, introducing them to high profile research groups, giving moral support and congratulating them when presentations win prizes.</p>