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Matthew Inglis stood out from other nominations this year for his work in inspiring and challenging doctoral students at Loughborough University's Mathematics Education Centre (MEC).

Dr Inglis completed his PhD only 10 years ago and has been at the MEC for eight years, but in that time he has demonstrated admirable leadership skills, creating an internationally outstanding research environment with state-of-the-art equipment for his students.

He has also built connections with international research groups, securing funding to provide up to three students each year with the opportunity to participate in specialist workshops with colleagues from Freiburg, Harvard and Maastricht universities, among others.

His care in supervising students extends to organising research events that bring academic staff and doctoral students together to share work, and also to helping them to successfully apply for and complete fellowships at the Royal Society and the Economic and Social Research Council.

At the same time, Dr Inglis has not neglected research, publishing 42 peer-reviewed journal articles and a book – an impressive tally for a teaching academic with so many responsibilities.

Describing him as “far more than simply a popular and skilled supervisor”, the judges commended Dr Inglis for ensuring that students acquired knowledge of cutting-edge research methods, while providing them with good guidance and making sure that they submitted their theses on time.

“He has also ensured that the environment for his students is a lively one,” they noted, “with a permeable research culture, chances to win funding, workshops, research group meetings and observational laboratories and access to international networks and careers advice, as well as providing opportunities to publish, thus professionalising the whole doctoral education experience.”