

Celebrating and Recognising the Achievements of Research Staff in the Faculty of Humanities

To celebrate and recognise the achievements of the University's research staff, the Research Staff Strategy Group introduced the Research Staff Excellence Awards. We are delighted to announce the winners and highly commended within the Faculty of Humanities.

Nominations recognising research staff for their achievements, impact and successes were considered by Faculty panels and members of the Research Staff Strategy Group, chaired by Professor Melissa Westwood, Associate Vice President Research. Full details of the awards and criteria are available [here](#).



Dr Rob Bellamy in the Department of Geography has had an exceptional year. Rob's interdisciplinary work focuses on the interactions between global environment change and society. In a twelve-month period Rob authored or co-authored more than ten papers including seven major papers in top journals including *Nature Energy* and *Global Environment Change*. Rob is leading the work package on 'responsible innovation and societal engagement' in the high profile UKRI grant, the UK Greenhouse Gas Removal Directorate Hub. It is achievement across a range of areas that has earned Rob the Faculty award of **Research Staff of the Year 2020**.

Additionally, Dr Ransford antwi Acheampong and Dr Swati Sachan were highly commended in the same category. Dr Acheampong's publications record in the field of transportation and planning is outstanding; in the first six months of 2021, four journal papers had been published or accepted for publication. Dr Sachan's work on Artificial Intelligence and decision making has been recognised by industrial partners as potentially making a significant contribution to legal and insurance services.

Dr Lei Nei's publications whilst a Research Associate at the Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS), on understanding and modelling vaccination decisions, in journals of the highest international standing including *Environment and Planning A* and *European Journal of Operational Research* in is the Faculty winner for **Best Outstanding Output by Research Staff**.

Dr Kate Scott is the Faculty winner for **Best Outstanding Contribution to Research Impact by Research Staff** in recognition of her work on shaping the government's industrial pathway and zero net carbon climate polices. In addition to multiple and impactful publications in journals such as *Nature Climate Change* and *Journal of Industrial Ecology*, Kate has delivered prominent invited talks and made contributions to the All-Party Parliamentary Climate Change Group. The UK Government's Industrial Decarbonisation Strategy explicitly referenced Kate's work on resource efficiency and materials substitution.

In the same category, Dr Qudamah Quboa's impactful work on developing research platforms to showcase the capabilities of AMBS's Data Visualisation Observatory to external stakeholders was highly commended.

The Methods for Change Team (Dr Laura Pottinger, Dr Amy Barron, Dr Jonny Ritson, Sawyer Phinney and Dr Ulrike Eghartner) were highly commended in the University-wide **Best Outstanding Contribution to the Research Staff Environment** category. The team, through a variety of initiatives including organising and hosting training sessions and developing 'how to guides', raised the profile of and identified opportunities for commercialisation and entrepreneurship across social sciences.

Many congratulations to all of the winners and highly commended research staff, your significant contribution to the research excellence of the Faculty is appreciated.