

Awards

The Research Staff Strategy Group (RSSG) has introduced an award scheme to recognise and celebrate the achievements of research staff.

Definition: For all categories, a researcher is defined as someone who is either a research assistant, research associate, postdoc or research fellow (including Presidential Fellows) employed at the University on the date of the nomination being submitted.

Awards for 2021/22 will be given in four categories:

Research Staff of the Year (one award per Faculty) - The nominee should be an outstanding researcher who has excelled in some significant manner in a number of different areas, for example, a journal publication or contribution to securing a major research grant.

Best Outstanding Output by Research Staff (one award per Faculty) - The nominee should be a researcher with a first, last or sole authored high quality research output.

Best Outstanding Contribution to Research Impact by Research Staff (one award per Faculty) - The nominee can be *an individual researcher or a team* (please note the researcher as defined in this document must play a leading and significant role in the team) who undertake high-quality engagement and impact activities which can be shown to have an impact on society either in the UK or internationally.

Best Outstanding Contribution to the Research Staff Environment (one overall winner) - This nominee can be *an individual researcher or a team* (please note the researcher as defined in this document must play a leading and significant role in the team) who have made a positive impact on the research environment. For example, through the organisation of events which bring together the research staff community; identifying an area of development within the research staff community and providing a solution to this.

Criteria

1. At the time of being nominated the researcher must be a member of staff at the University employed on a research contract and be categorised as a research assistant, research associate, research fellow (including Presidential Fellow) or postdoc.
2. All nominations must be made through the completion of the **nomination form** and all forms must be accompanied by **two statements of support** from either the nominee's peers or relevant members of academic staff.
3. Self-nomination is permitted; two statements of support are still required.
4. Researchers can be nominated for more than one award but a separate nomination form must be completed for each award.

Process and Timeline

1. All nominations, marked private and confidential, should be sent by email to resdev@manchester.ac.uk, by Monday 20 June 2022.
2. All nominations will be considered at a Faculty level by a Faculty panel. A maximum of **three ranked nominations per category per Faculty** will be submitted to RSSG.
3. The three ranked short listed nominations from each Faculty for each category will be assessed at RSSG on 27 July 2022.
4. RSSG will select a successful nominee from each Faculty for three categories (Research Staff, Output, Impact) and one overall nominee for the category Best Outstanding Contribution to the Research Staff Environment.

Date	Detail	Who
March to May	Promotion of Call	ResDev
20 June 2022	Deadline for all nominations	ResDev
June/July	Faculty panels and ranking	ResDev and Faculties
27 July 2022	RSSG decision	RSSG
29 July 2022	Winners notified	ResDev
Aug/Sept 2022	Announcements of winners	ResDev

Further Information

[Nomination Form \(word doc\)](#)

[Award Holders from 2020/2021](#)

All nominations must be made directly to resdev@manchester.ac.uk no later than Monday 20 June 2022.