

**Research Staff Strategy Group Excellence Awards 2022/23**

**Awards**

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

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| **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 2022/23 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, delivery of a prestigious conference presentation, contribution to securing a major research grant, or support for Postgraduate Researchers.

**Best Outstanding Output by Research Staff (one award per Faculty) -** The nominee should be a researcher who has published a high-quality research output where they are first, last, or sole author.

**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 had a positive impact beyond academia, for example on society, the economy, health, public policy, or the environment, either in the UK or internationally. Contribution to peer-reviewed publications will not be considered in this category. These contributions should instead be entered in the ‘Best outstanding output by research staff’ category.

**Best Outstanding Contribution to the Research Staff Environment (one award per Faculty) -** 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, either in their faculty or across the University. For example, through the organisation of events which bring together the research staff community, or 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 19 June 2023**.
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 26 July 2023.
4. RSSG will select a successful nominee from each Faculty for the four categories (Research Staff, Output, Impact, and Research Staff Environment).

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| **Date** | **Detail** | **Who** |
| March to May | Promotion of Call | ResDev |
| 19 June 2023  | Deadline for all nominations  | ResDev |
| June/July | Faculty panels and ranking | ResDev and Faculties |
| 26 July 2023 | RSSG decision | RSSG |
| 28July 2023 | Winners notified | ResDev |
| Aug/Sept 2023 | Announcements of winners | ResDev |

**Further Information**

[Nomination Form (word doc)](https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=58649)

[Award Holders from 2020 and 2021](https://www.researcherdevelopment.manchester.ac.uk/awards/)

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