**Individual Professional Service (PS) and Cultural Institutions’ (CIs) Distinguished Achievement Awards Nomination Form 2023-24**

***Please see the detailed guidance at the end of the form which suggests the types of contributions to cover***

Completed forms can either be sent to to Deborah Black ([deborah.black@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:deborah.black@manchester.ac.uk)), Secretary to the Awards and Honours Group, by **Friday 2 February 2024**

**Nominator’s name:**

**Nominator’s job title:**

**Nominator’s Directorate/CI/Faculty/School:**

**Nominator’s email address:**

**Name of your nominee:**

**Nominee’s job title:**

**Nominee’s Directorate/CI/Faculty/School:**

**Nominee’s grade:**

**Nominee’s staff number:**

**Nominee’s email address:**

1. In ***no more than 700 words*** describe how your nominee’s contributions have been outstanding. The focus primarily should be on the nominee’s paid position. For suggested areas to cover, please see the appendix below. These points can be made in the form of a list if you would prefer that format.

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1. Please summarise ***in 120 words*** your nominee’s achievements over the past year. If the nomination is successful these 120 words will be used as the basis of the citation which will be used to mark the winner’s achievements. You are asked to be clear and concise and bear in mind the diverse range of people who will read or hear this short citation.

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1. Is there any further information that you would like to include to make the case as strong as possible (e.g. has the nominee received other recognition such as a Rewarding Exceptional Performance award or some external accolade)

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4. All nominations **MUST be accompanied by a minimum of two and a maximum of four statements of support**, from either the nominee’s peers, students or relevant members of academic or PS/CIs’ staff. **Wherever possible and relevant, please include statements from students or recent graduates to ensure the student voice is heard.**  These should be no longer than 500 words each. **Please make sure these are appended to the nomination**. 

***Appendix***

# Guidance for the PS and Cultural Institutions’ Awards 2024 Distinguished Achievement Awards

For both the individual and team awards judges will be looking for outstanding performance. This can be in any role within the University and potential nominators should note that the nominees don’t need to have undertaken new or special projects to be considered.

We are looking for individuals or teams in Professional Services, the Museum, Gallery or at the Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre who always provides an excellent service or goes out of their way to help someone or to solve a problem. In other words, we’re looking to recognise and celebrate those special people who work tirelessly to do their jobs well.

**We would particularly welcome nominations for those working in first point of contact roles or frontline services whose operational and maintenance work is vital to the day-to-day running of the University but which can often go unnoticed and unrewarded.**

**We would also very much welcome nominations for colleagues who do their best to deliver an excellent service even in difficult circumstances.**

**We are keen for these awards to recognise and reflect the contributions of all our diverse staff. We particularly welcome nominations for colleagues from under-represented groups (individuals or teams) including Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic staff, Disabled and LGBTQ+ colleagues.**

When completing a [nomination form for an individual](https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=57187) or [a team](https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=57186) you are asked to reflect on the questions below which have been devised to try to tease out your candidate’s/team’s contributions. These are grouped around the University’s valuse: [**Our Values**](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/our-future/our-values/)

Please note there is no expectation that a nominator will answer all of the questions nor group responses around the values. Instead we would encourage you to address just those that are relevant to the job the person or team does. You are also strongly encouraged to include anything else you think is relevant to the case to make it as strong as possible.

Under each value below, we have provided some questions to act as prompts to assist you in thinking about relevant examples.

**Knowledge**: We are ambitious in our pursuit of new ideas, greater understanding and discovery.

*How has the individual embraced new challenges or service improvements or solved a problem which has contributed to better campus experiences for our students, colleagues or external partners?*

*Has the individual suggested ways of working that have benefitted those colleagues/teams they work with and for?*

**Wisdom**: We share and apply our knowledge and experience to guide balanced and evidence decisions for ourselves and for society.

*Has your nominee undertaken training or professional development that has been used to improve the way they do things?*

*Has the experience and/or expertise of the individual been shared with other parts of the University, the sector or the wider community? (Please mention the feedback or impact, if applicable)*

**Humanity**: We embrace and celebrate difference, respect and support each other, and act with integrity to benefit society and the environment by transforming and enriching lives.

*How have they gone out of their way to assist colleagues, students or external partners?*

*Are they able to motivate and empower people they work with to achieve their best and deliver individual and team goals in an inclusive and mutually supportive way?*

*Has your nominee contributed to creating an inclusive, diverse and accessible environment where people are treated with dignity and respect and have a sense of belonging? Examples could relate to welcome activity, provision of accessibility support, awareness and accommodation of differing cultural needs, open days, community festivals or during public health outbreaks, etc.*

*How has your nominee inspired others to reach their full potential by developing capabilities/capacity, and/or helped the University towards achieving its goals as set out in its Strategic Plan? Examples may include informal leadership, mentoring or coaching or formal engagement with university initiatives such as Manchester Gold, staff networks, etc.*

**Academic freedom**: We support with enthusiasm and vigour the principles of freedom of thought and speech.

*Does the nominee create an environment where challenging questions and constructive*

*criticism are expected whilst being respectful and inclusive at all times?*

**Courage**: We think and speak freely, and act boldly to challenge assumptions and shape our future for the greater good.

*Has your nominee been willing to challenge when they see that things could be improved or when they appear unfair?*

*Has your nominee challenged a situation or alerted you to potential microaggressions or discriminatory practices which may have made other colleagues, students or partners feel uncomfortable? In doing so, did they raise awareness of the need to speak up and to help address systematic barriers and nurture an inclusive community? Examples could relate to the use of pronouns, improving accessibility, etc.*

**Pioneering spirit**: In the radical Manchester spirit, and inspired by our people, history and scale, we create the exceptional.

*Has there been anything that the nominee has achieved this year that you believe has gone over and above the requirements of the role?*

*Has the nominee done or suggested something which has not been tried before – what was it and what impact has it had?*

*Has your nominee considered the wider benefit of their approach to work, not only focusing on their immediate area or responsibilities but thinking Institution-wide and beyond, which has contributed positively to raising our profile and reputation?*

The winners will be selected by a judging panel which will be made up of both academic and Professional Services staff. The panel will, when considering the nominations, be mindful of the category of staff to which the nominees belong, and will try to ensure, where possible, that the various types of roles and contributions are reflected in the eventual winners.

**If you would like advice on any aspects of the PS&CIs Distinguished Achievement Awards, including the criteria and how to complete the nomination form, please contact Deborah Black (deborah.black@manchester.ac.uk) who co-ordinates the awards centrally.**