

U21 Awards – Nomination Criteria

The U21 Awards are designed to celebrate the achievements of individuals or teams showing great impact in internationalisation. Please ensure you have read the information below carefully before submitting your nomination.

How Do I Nominate a Colleague or a Team?

The process is straightforward – fill in the relevant nomination form with the reasons you are choosing the person or team you would like to nominate. In the form, you will be asked to evidence:

- How the person or team you are nominating has contributed to international efforts in higher education
- The impact of the work of the nominee/s
- How the person or team has gone above and beyond their expected deliverables

Who Can Be Nominated for a U21 Award?

- A person, or team, whose work shows an impactful, evidence-based contribution across borders in the world of higher education – above and beyond the usual expectations of their role.
- A person, or team, whose work has furthered progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals in a U21 member university, or across several of them.
- Any level of seniority or expertise is allowed.

Nominees for the U21 Awards must be:

- A member of academic or professional services staff at a U21 member university
- Not a current or former President or other Senior Leader of a U21 member university
- Someone whose work has had an international impact

What Achievements Are Considered for a U21 Award?

The work of the person, or team, could be in the one or more of the following areas:

- Research: Academic collaborations on research that can show a significant impact on international policy and practice.
- Education: Enhancing opportunities for mobility and exchange of knowledge or skills, internationalisation of curriculum, student experience, learning experience, teaching and assessment of graduates.
- Campus: Activities that have increased the diversity of staff and student communities, advanced multi-cultural understanding or innovated a use for a campus in its local or international community.
- Governance: Advancing strategy and planning for international impact within the university administration
- SDG action: Taking actions that bring together multiple stakeholders at U21 member universities and deliver collaboration on SDGs across research, education, campus operations or community partnerships.

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