U21 Awards 2023/4 – Nomination Criteria

The U21 Awards celebrate the achievements of individuals or teams showing great impact in internationalisation. Please ensure you have read the information below before making a nomination.

How do I nominate a colleague or a team for a U21 Award?

The process is simple – complete a nomination form with the reasons that you are nominating the person or team you select. You will be asked to evidence:

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

Who can be nominated for a U21 Award?

- A person/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/team whose work has furthered progress towards the UN's Sustainable Development Goals in a U21 member university, or across several of them
- A person/team at any level of seniority or expertise

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
- A person/team whose work has had an international impact

What achievements are considered for a U21 Award?

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

- Research: Collaborating on research that has demonstrated a significant impact on international policy and practice.
- Education: Enhancing opportunities for mobility, exchange of knowledge or skills, internationalisation of the curriculum, teaching, learning and assessment of students, and / or supporting the wider student experience.
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI): Developing initiatives that have supported EDI aims across staff and student communities, advanced multi-cultural understanding and / or led to innovations on campus, which have added value to the university's local / international communities.
- Sustainability: Taking action that has brought together multiple stakeholders to positively influence the aims of the UN SDGs and developed solutions for a more sustainable and / or climate conscious future across research, education, campus operations or community partnerships.
- Governance: Advancing strategy and planning for international impact within university administration.