AHSS Digital Education Awards

The AHSS Digital Education Awards aim to recognise and celebrate individuals and teams from across the AHSS faculty who have embraced the Connected Learning environment head on. Whether it be a small change that has led to a big impact or the implementation of an innovative digital tool, we want to recognise all tech-comfort and skill levels. We are calling you to either nominate yourself or someone you know.

Key Details:

- Open for nominations from any AHSS Staff member or team.
- Deadline is **Friday 7th May 2021** for entries.
- Nominate yourself or someone you know.
- Submit a **3-minute** (approx.) video.
- Winners receive £250*†.

There are five categories of awards:

Award Categories



Student Engagement

Have you or an AHSS colleague engaged with your students in a new way using digital and online tools? Have you found an effective way to deliver feedback? Have you streamlined a process that enables students to get in touch with you quicker? Have you enhanced the teaching and learning through engaging online and digital tools? Whether it be a small change or a new tool – we want to hear how you have increased student engagement over the past term.

Breaking the Comfort Zone

Have you or a colleague moved beyond your comfort zone? Have you explored new territories and used tools that are unfamiliar to you? Have you faced and overcome challenges which have helped reach your intended learning outcomes? We admire your attitude and your resilience to change. Tell us about your experiences and what you have learned about digital learning and teaching. We would also love to hear about new skills, tools, and methods you will continue to use in the future that you, maybe once, never thought possible.





Innovation

Have you or a colleague introduced a new digital or online tool to your students that has helped streamline teaching and learning? Have you used existing tools in novel ways that encourage student engagement or enhance the online classroom? Have you worked to introduce a new tool to your teaching teams to help reduce administrative time and/or workload? How are you pushing the boundaries and pushing innovation in your teaching teams? We

also want to hear from you if you are using a lesser-known feature within Canvas or Teams. Tell us what you are doing and how you have used these tools.

Team Work

This award aims to celebrate teaching teams, professional services, or a group of colleagues from AHSS who have worked together in supporting digital learning across their module or school. How has the team worked together effectively to contribute to the knowledge base of those around you? How have you been sharing effective practices and resources for use in the online/blended classroom? Have you worked together to create something for the benefit of your wider community? We want to hear from you if you are a team member or would like to recognise a team who have helped support you throughout the past term.





Thank a Colleague

It has been a challenging time for everyone – with the dramatic shift to online and blended teaching, working together has never felt so important. Has someone in AHSS <u>or the wider institution</u> gone above and beyond their remit to help support others in navigating the Connected Learning environment? Has a colleague openly shared resources with others to help streamline teaching and learning? Has a member or team of professional support staff made the transition to online teaching and learning a little but

more manageable? Have you recognised a Teaching Assistant who has embraced the challenges of online teaching with a positive attitude? Tell us about someone you want to thank for the support they have offered throughout the past year.

Winning Entries

- Each winner will be chosen by a panel of academics, professional support staff and student representatives from the AHSS faculty and wider institution.
- *Winning entries will receive £250 which can come in either the form of vouchers or funding towards equipment or Professional Development.
- † The Team Work award winners will receive £500 collectively.
- Winners will be announced end of May 2021.

Submission Guidelines

Format: Record a short (approx. 3 min) video. The video can be recorded in any format that you are comfortable with (e.g. Teams, PowerPoint, mobile phone etc.).

What to Include:

- Tell us which award you are entering into.
- Explain how you/your nominee qualifies for the award.
- Demonstrate (e.g. screenshare) an example of the online or digital tool you/your team/your nominee has used (where relevant).
- Give brief details of how you/your nominee have impacted students and/or colleagues (where relevant).
- Share anything else that is relevant.

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Where to Send your entry:

Step 1: Either Upload your video in MP4 format to <u>AHSS Digital Teaching Awards 2021</u>

Or add Laura Farling as an owner of your MS Stream video (under 'Permissions')

Step 2: Email <u>AHSS.eLearning@qub.ac.uk</u> to confirm your entry with Subject Heading - 'Confirmation of AHSS Digital Award Entry'.

Please Note:

All entries will only be seen by the panel and will not be shared further without permission.

Questions?

General Inquiries

If you encounter any problems or have any questions, please send them to: AHSS.eLearning@qub.ac.uk