



National Teaching Awards Recognise Bioscience Teaching Excellence

The UK Centre for Bioscience believes recognition of good practice for staff who teach and support learning is extremely important. Since 2008-9 we have run an annual Teaching Award which is open to all individuals who teach bioscience at a higher education level, and contributes to our strategic aim to:

Raise the status of learning and teaching and enhance the professional development and recognition of bioscience staff

Award aims

- Provide national recognition and reward for excellence in teaching and supporting student learning in the biosciences for individuals in any of the UK home nations (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales)
- Raise the status of teaching in the biosciences as a scholarly activity
- Support individuals in reflecting upon and enhancing their professional practice in support of student learning
- Develop case studies of effective student learning and disseminate these nationally to enhance bioscience student learning experiences across the UK

How does the process work?

- Application is by self-nomination
- Short-listed finalists work with a member of the Centre team over the following academic year to develop a 2 page case study based on:
 - observation of teaching practice
 - interviews with the applicant
 - student questionnaires, and a
 - student focus group

Recognition for finalists

- The finalists receive support to present their work at a Centre conference
- The winner and runners-up are presented with their certificates and their institutions' notified of their success
- The winner receives a cash prize and a trophy, and the other finalists receive payment for their case studies

Meet our finalists to date

2010

Stephen McClean, University of Ulster

Graham Scott, University of Hull

Anne Tierney, University of Glasgow

2009

Mark Huxham, Edinburgh Napier University (winner)

Debra Bevitt, Newcastle University

Momna Hejmadi, University of Bath

Dave Lewis, University of Leeds

Katherine Linehan, University of Sheffield

Jane Saffell, Imperial College London

What do previous finalists have to say?

" since the Centre publicises award short-listing with candidates' institutions, I have received unexpected recognition and appreciation for my learning and teaching development efforts"

" what was particularly gratifying was the interest and support shown by my students once they knew I had been short-listed "

" seeing the feedback from my class reminded me [...] teachers and students are engaged in a collective enterprise that should be based on mutual respect. The whole process was stimulating, supportive and fun "



Bioscience Teacher of the Year 2011

For 2011 the award becomes the **Bioscience Teacher of the Year**, supported by the Centre with sponsorship from Oxford University Press (OUP).

Could you or someone in your department be our next winner? We're looking for lecturers who:

- Excel at engaging, motivating and inspiring their students
- Go the extra mile to support their students' development as individuals
- Have influenced and enhanced students' achievements and colleagues' practices beyond their own institution

The winner will receive the Ed Wood Memorial Prize: £1,000 to spend as they wish and a year's subscription to an OUP journal. Closing date for applications is Friday 15th October 2010.