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Faculty of Natural Sciences- Prizes for Excellence in Education and Health & Safety 2024/25

This year's Prizes for Excellence in Education and Health & Safety will feature one prize available in each of the following broad categories:

- **Teaching**- available to staff and GTAs only
- **Student Support**- available to staff and students
- **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)**- available to staff and students
- **Outreach**- available to staff and students
- **Health & Safety (The Jan de Abela-Borg Prize)** – available to staff and students

Nominations for junior staff and teams are encouraged and will be prioritized for awards by the panel.

The winner in each category will be decided by a Faculty-level panel which will include the vice-Dean (Education), Faculty Senior Tutor, Associate Dean (EDI), Head of Health and Safety and Director of Education and Student Experience.

The nomination process:

Any member of staff or student from across FoNS may make a nomination.

Nominations will open on Monday 03 February 2025 and close on Monday 14 April 2025. Please note that there will be no extensions to this deadline.

Nominations can be made via the online nomination form accessible via this link: https://imperial.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5oGwdgGAdRREypM

All nominations must be supported by a seconder and must:

- describe clearly, in no more than 300 words, the nature and value of the work carried out by the nominee
- include a one-sentence citation - which will be used in the end-of-year publication and when introducing the nominee at the prize giving event

Please note that all nominees will be notified of the full details of their nomination, including their nominator and seconder, nomination statement and citation- so please bear this in mind when completing the nomination form.

Announcement of winners:

The winners in each category will be announced at an end of year showcase/ celebration event on 01 July 2025, to which all nominees will be invited.

In addition, all nominations will be published in the end-of-year retrospective booklet.

Further information on each prize category:

Teaching: This award is available to any member of staff or GTA for excellence in any aspect of teaching and learning. Examples might include:

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- The development and successful introduction of new and innovative teaching methods
- Innovative teaching and assessment that have a significant, positive impact on students' learning

Student Support: We will be looking to recognise those staff or students who have made a significant impact through the provision of outstanding support for teaching and learning, or for students' wellbeing, or the development of activities and initiatives that significantly enhance the experience of undergraduate and/ or postgraduate students.

EDI: This award recognises those staff or students who have delivered a project or initiative that significantly contributes to the enhancement of equality, diversity and inclusion across the student body.

Outreach: This award recognises those members of the FoNS community who have delivered inspiring outreach and/or engagement activities with schools, community groups, and/ or the general public. Examples might include:

- Improving the learning opportunities of less-advantaged young people, as part of our widening participation aims
- Working in close partnership with local community groups to develop a solution to a social or research challenge
- Leading a successful outreach initiative that engages children in natural sciences

The Jan de Abela-Borg Prize in Health & Safety: This award is given in recognition of excellence in promoting and implementing safe practices across the Faculty. In some circumstances, the Award may be made to a group where it is felt that it is not possible to attribute individual contributions. Note that this Prize is named in memory of Jan de Abela-Borg, Faculty Safety Manager, who passed away in 2014.

If you have any questions about the Prizes for Excellence, please email the Faculty Education Team at fonsedusupport@imperial.ac.uk