**Vice Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Research and Knowledge Exchange 2022**

The Vice-Chancellor’s Awards honours members of Liverpool John Moores University who have made exceptional contributions in Research and Knowledge Exchange (RKE).

For 2022 we have made a small modification to the awards with the addition of an Award for Impact Story, that supports a developing focus on broader impact culture across LJMU (rather than just REF impact case studies) and aligns with our civic and students at the heart mission and LJMU values.

The full awards list is below.

Sustained excellence is important but recent notable activity will be prioritised in the assessment criteria.

The awards (alongside the faculty nominations in each category) will be presented at the University Research and Knowledge Exchange Conference held on Wednesday 7th December 2022.

Please tick the award that you are nominating a named person/team for:

* **VC Award for Excellence in Research 2022**

This award can cover any area of research work where the staff/team have achieved demonstrable outputs, activity, and reputation/esteem.

* **VC Award for Excellence in Knowledge Exchange 2022**

This award can cover any area of knowledge exchange where the staff/team have achieved demonstrable external collaborative activity/project work with associated reputation/esteem.

* **VC Award for Excellence in Research and Knowledge Exchange Support 2022**

This award can cover any area of RKE work where the staff/team have had a demonstrable impact on support, training, and the work environment.

* **VC** **Award for Excellence in Promotion of EDI in Research and Knowledge Exchange 2022**

This award cancover any area of RKE work where the staff/team have had a demonstrable impact on any element of EDI.

* **VC** **Award for Excellence in the Promotion of Sustainability in Research and Knowledge Exchange 2022**

This award cancover any area of RKE work where the staff/team have had a demonstrable impact on sustainability.

* **VC Award for Excellence - Impact Story 2022**

This award can cover any area of impact (it is not limited to REF Impact Case Studies). Impact stories can include change or transformation in:

curriculum delivery/development; outreach; public engagement; health or well-being; policy change; social inequalities; business development (etc.) and associated reputation/esteem.

* **VC Award for Excellence - Postgraduate Research Supervisor 2022**

This award (to an individual staff supervisor) can be nominated by any level 8 postgraduate research student(s) at LJMU who wish to recognise excellence in support, training, and development.

* **VC Award for Excellence - Rising Star 2022**

This award is (to an individual staff member) is targeted at research-only contracted staff and early career academics (up to 5 years post PGR completion/pro-rata with part-time employment) and recognises exceptional potential in any field of RKE.

**Information on eligibility, process, criteria etc. are contained at the end of the nomination form.**

**The closing date for nominations is Friday 21st October 2022 at 5pm.**

**NOMINATIONS:**

To make your nomination, please complete the table below:

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| Name of Award Nominee: |  |
| Name and signature of the nominator (or if self-nomination their line manager): |  |
| School/Faculty/Dept of the Nominee: |  |
| Outline how the nominee(s) have demonstrated excellence in the chosen award category (with specific reference to assessment criteria)  *(500 words max):* |  |

**Notes and Guidance:**

The Liverpool John Moores University Vice-Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Research and Knowledge Exchange were launched in 2015 to recognise and celebrate individuals or teams who demonstrate outstanding levels of achievement whilst maintaining a commitment to collegiality, LJMU Values and the LJMU Strategic Plan.

**Eligibility and nomination**

* Nominees must be current members of LJMU staff at the closing date for nominations (including research only and part-time staff) and can be nominated by LJMU staff and/or LJMU postgraduate research students apart from the VC Award for Excellence - Postgraduate Research Supervisor which can only be nominated by any level 8 PGR student (PhD/MPhil/DBA/Prof Doc/EdD etc.) students.
* The awards are open to any member of LJMU staff, from any job family, who have made an exceptional contribution to research and knowledge exchange. Research and knowledge exchange activities are interpreted here in the broadest sense, to include knowledge creation, impact, and innovation.
* Team nominations are permitted (except Supervisor and Rising Star category).
* Teams can be of any size and may span more than one academic School, Faculty or Professional Services Department.
* Submissions can reflect prolonged activity but must clearly refer to evidence of excellence associated with “activities” undertaken in 2021 and 2022.
* Self-nominations are permitted.
* Nominations in more than one category are permitted but require separate submissions with a detailed and separate case for each nomination.
* A nominator can make only one nomination per category but may make individual nominations across all categories.
* All nominations must be made to your Faculty ADR or Professional Services Director by 5pm on Friday 21st October 2022.
* Initially, Faculty Research and Knowledge Exchange committees and/or a Professional Services Panel(s)\* will judge submissions. Faculties and Professional Service teams will select one candidate as their winner and progress this application to the University panel by 13th November 2022.
* The University Panel (Chair: Prof. Mare Claire Van Hout, Mark Power, Prof Keith George, Prof Julie Sheldon; Prof Atif Waraich) will announce the winners of each category at the University Research and Knowledge Exchange Day (7th December 2022).

\* the Professional Service Teams panel(s) will be organised in collaboration with the PVC office.

**Data Protection**

* The comments you make in your nomination will be reviewed initially by a Faculty/Professional Services panel and then the winners will be submitted to the Institutional award panel. All data collected in your nomination(s) will be held securely by the University. Illustrative quotations will only be used with your permission, and best efforts will be employed to ensure that no individuals can be identified by implication.

**EDI**

* We would like to analyse the group level characteristics of our nominees. We ask this for two reasons. It enables us to gain insight of those colleagues are nominated and in doing so

1. Gauges whether the nominations are representative of the make up of the institution as a whole
2. Identifies priority areas for additional support (if low representation of specific groups is identified)

This analysis is confidential and will not be linked to individual nominations

I consent to my characteristics, as listed centrally, to be included in this data

**CRITERIA**

**All awards are made on the basis of academic judgement and cannot be appealed. Below is additional information and criteria for each award.**

In all categories the nominations should provide evidence of the nominee(s) –

1. Commitment to the LJMU Strategic Plan
2. Collegiality and commitment to LJMU mission and values

* **EXCELLENCE in RESEARCH** **2022**

***Criteria for assessment can include (list not exhaustive).***

The novelty of the specific research activity

The academic quality of the specific research activity

Evidence of academic leadership related to the research activity

Any relevant internal markers of recognition for the research

Any relevant external markers of recognition for the research

* **EXCELLENCE in KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE 2022**

***Criteria for assessment can include (list not exhaustive).***

The novelty of the specific knowledge exchange project or activity

The academic quality of the specific knowledge exchange activity

The value and consequence of the collaborative partnership within the knowledge exchange activity.

Any relevant internal/external markers of recognition for the knowledge exchange activity (quantitative or qualitative)

* **EXCELLENCE in RESEARCH and KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SUPPORT 2022**

***Criteria for assessment can include (list not exhaustive).***

Collegial approach to the supports of others in RKE

The impact of this support (individual, group or LJMU level)

Any novelty or innovation in support

Recognition of support from peers within LJMU

Recognition of support external to LJMU

* **EXCELLENCE in PROMOTION of EDI in RESEARCH and KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE 2022**

***Criteria for assessment can include (list not exhaustive).***

The novelty and importance of the specific EDI focus within RKE

The real or potential impact of the EDI activity

Collaboration with key partners within (or external to) the University

Recognition of activity from peers within LJMU

Recognition of activity external to LJMU

* **EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY IN RESEARCH 2022**

***Criteria for assessment can include (list not exhaustive).***

The novelty and importance of the specific Sustainability focus within RKE

The real or potential impact around Sustainability activity

Collaboration with key partners within (or external to) the University

Recognition of activity from peers within LJMU

Recognition of activity external to LJMU

* **IMPACT STORY 2022**

***Criteria for assessment can include (list not exhaustive).***

The quality of the underpinning academic activity that links to the impact story

The novelty of the specific impact story

The transformational change (reach and significance) of the impact story

Any relevant internal markers of recognition for the knowledge exchange activity

Quantitative or qualitative recognition from external stakeholders

* **POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPERVISOR 2022**

*The successful individual will be able to demonstrate an exceptional approach to and outcomes from postgraduate research supervision. Please note only level 8 students (PhD/MPhil/DBA/Prof Doc/EdD etc.) can make nominations in this category.*

***Criteria for assessment can include (list not exhaustive).***

How have they inspired or supported you as a postgraduate researcher

How your nominee has transformed your experiences of doctoral study

Contribution to the local and/or LJMU postgraduate student environment

Recognition of supervision from peers within LJMU

Recognition of supervision external to LJMU

* **RISING STAR 2022**

*The successful individual will be able to demonstrate exceptional promise or potential in a future academic career. The individual will be contracted research staff or an early career academic.*

***Criteria for assessment can include (list not exhaustive).***

Markers of success in RKE (including outputs, supervision, external funding success)

Contribution to the local RKE environment

The potential long-term impact upon their field of RKE

Recognition of potential from peers within LJMU

Recognition of potential external to LJMU