The Sustainability Awards encourage and recognise the efforts of staff, students and departments* to make our University more socially responsible and sustainable.

Every year, teams find new ways to conserve resources, save energy, fund-raise for good causes and promote healthier working lives.

There are five Sustainability Awards categories in total. Each category is tailored to suit a particular part of the University.

You’ll find more information about each category and how to get involved on the other side of this leaflet.

*or offices, labs, buildings, research centres, schools, campuses etc!

What’s involved?

To earn an Award, teams must typically meet a number of criteria across a range of social responsibility and sustainability themes.

At the end of the year, participants provide evidence and are audited by our Department. Successful teams receive a locally-crafted award at our annual Sustainability Awards Ceremony.

Why participate?

You’ll be part of a growing community of people who are making a difference at our University.

When the Sustainability Awards were launched in 2010, 11 teams signed up. In 2016, over 50 teams were involved!

There are many other reasons to participate:

- Staff and students gain new skills
- Departments adopt good practices and demonstrate a strategic commitment to sustainability
- Teams have access to training and support from our Department throughout the year
- Winners receive recognition from senior members of the University

Sustainability is an essential aspiration for the University and can also save a lot of money but the big surprise for us was how much fun it all was. The Awards became a focal point for the team over a number of weeks and helped pull the team closer together.

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Office Awards
Awarded to teams that meet a range of criteria across six themes. There are three levels; bronze, silver and gold.
Registration is now open for the 2017 Office Awards.
- Communications & Engagement
- Resource Efficiency
- Travel
- Energy
- Purchasing
- Health & Wellbeing

Lab Awards
Awarded to teams that meet a range of criteria across nine themes. There are three levels; bronze, silver and gold.
Registration is now open for the 2017 Lab Awards.
- Fume Cupboards and Biosafety Cabinets (BSCs)
- Cold Storage
- Chemicals and gases
- Scientific Equipment
- Water
- Waste and Recycling
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC)
- Lighting
- Awareness and Training

Special Awards
Awarded to the best standalone projects undertaken annually by staff in the following areas:
- Energy
- Sustainability
- Innovation

An Outstanding Contribution Award is also given to a staff member or student who has shown considerable commitment to sustainability.
Applications / nominations for the 2017 Special Awards will open in semester 1 of the 2017/18 academic year.

Student Residence Awards
Awarded to student residences that meet a range of criteria across five themes. There are three levels; bronze, silver and gold.
Registration for the 2017 Student Residence Awards will open in semester 1 of the 2017/18 academic year.

Student Awards
Awarded to student groups or societies that develop, implement and communicate a unique sustainability or social responsibility project. There are no levels.
Registration for the 2017 Student Awards will open in semester 1 of the 2017/18 academic year.

Interested in taking part?
Practically anyone can participate in the Sustainability Awards. Start by registering your interest at the website below. A member of our Department will be in touch shortly with more information.

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