



# Principal's Medal winners 2020

## College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science

Nominee	School/Department	Awarded for:
Mary Brennan	Business School	their significant support for both students and staff in transitioning to hybrid teaching. Accomplished with significant knowledge, positivity and good humour throughout.
Adam Finkel-Gates	Business School	their skilful adaptation to online delivery with care taken to improve engagement and enjoyment for their students, helping them to cope and feel supported with their learning and beyond.
Ben Fletcher-Watson	IASH	their support for their colleagues throughout the pandemic, including their contribution to ensuring viable Fellowships, reopening of the building, and the decolonising project.
Michael Newton	Music	their commitment, endurance and integrity in leading the ECA Covid-19 Learning and Mitigation Committee throughout the pandemic.

## College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine

Nominee	School/Department	Awarded for:
Lorna Aikman	Edinburgh Clinical Research Facility	the support they gave to their colleagues in the transition to hybrid teaching and their volunteering to help the wider University with clearing particularly while coping with the personal challenges of the pandemic.
Graham Nimmo and David Griffith	Clinical Sciences	the part they played in conjunction in leading the development of the Covid-19 Critical Care MOOC which has had an immense positive impact in training medical professionals world-wide.
Antoine Vallatos	Clinical Brain Sciences	their leading role in bringing staff from the University, NHS and commercial organisations together to establish a workflow for the manufacture of scarce and essential medical parts during the height of the pandemic.

## College of Science and Engineering

Nominee	School/Department	Awarded for:
Valentina Erastova	Chemistry	their action to create the Scientist Next Door project to support home schooling and build interest and curiosity for science during through this challenging time.
Fiona McNeill	Informatics	their ongoing commitment to hybrid teaching and development of the Informatics Connect programme.



Chris Mowat and Michael Seery	Chemistry	the role they played in supporting the Chemistry Department in its response to the pandemic including teaching adaptations, proactive communication and building a sense of community.
Sophie Ramette	Geosciences	their crucial role in supporting research students and helping them to adapt to the challenges of the pandemic.
EPCC HPC Systems Team and EPCC User Support Team	EPCC	delivering exceptional service and demonstrating amazing commitment during the COVID-19 pandemic by developing the Edinburgh International Data Facility on time, and against all of the odds, supporting the Nightingale Hospital in London, and other ground-breaking COVID-19 research projects.
Technology Enhanced Learning Team	CS&E	the Team effort in the successful support and delivery of the radical change in education needed during the Covid-19 response but also maintaining the link with established teaching practice.

### Corporate Services

Nominee	Department	Awarded for:
Michelle Christian	Accommodation	their exceptional leadership, commitment, performance and approach to this most challenging period while maintaining their positivity and good humour as they support both staff and students.
Cheryl Hutton	Residence Life - ACE	their dedication in managing the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic using their knowledge, determination and sheer hard work to deliver for students and colleagues.
Suzanne Thompson	Health and Safety	their dedication to their essential role in leading the University in its response to Covid-19. They have demonstrated strong leadership, motivation and flexibility to ensuring the University's response was consistent and proportionate as well as being responsive and supportive to staff, students, trade union representatives and external agencies alike.
Estates Department	Estates	the delivery of a comprehensive and bespoke response across all parts of the University to the ever changing requirements of this unique situation.

### Information Services

Nominee	Department	Awarded for:
Lisa McDonald	User Services	their ability to successfully address the new and significant challenges brought on by the pandemic, including providing laptops for students and staff, Adaptation and Renewal coordination, their contribution to the Service Excellence Programme, all the while continuing to provide excellent support for their own team.



### University Secretary's Group

Nominee	Department	Awarded for:
Helen McMillan, Aine Ryan and Isabell Majewsky Anderson	Edinburgh Global and Edinburgh Research Office	the part they played, as a team, in the huge efforts to sustain and build our partnership, exchange, alliance and research engagement across Europe as Brexit approaches, and latterly in the context of the additional complications of Covid-19.
Fiona Philippi	IAD	their support for student and staff involved in the Doctoral College throughout the pandemic and their continued support for the ethos and long term future of the College.

### Cross University

Nominee	Department	Awarded for:
Michael Gallagher and Stuart Nicol	Education and ISG	the part they played providing outstanding leadership and exceptional service in building capacity for online and hybrid teaching this year.
StopCovid Team	Pan-University	their multi-institutional and multi-disciplinary initiative, exemplifying the University values, which had a significant impact on a wide range of activities including launching community and hospital-based clinical trials with repurposed therapies, establishing supporting underpinning studies in disease characterisation, developing wellbeing and technology-based initiatives for the NHS and building strong international partnerships.