



# 2017 Sustainability Awards

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.

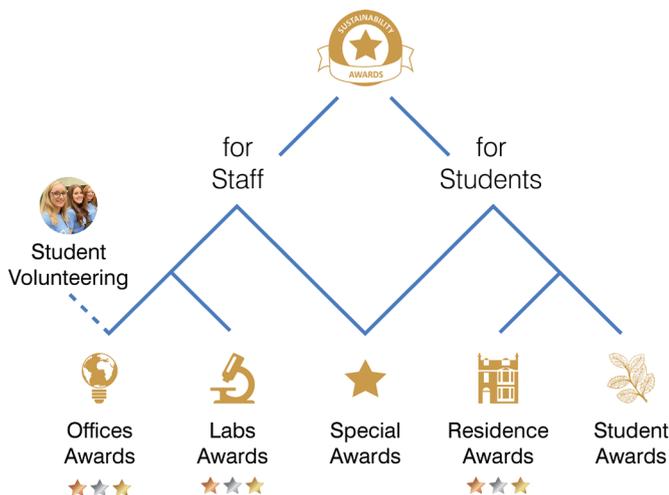
You'll find more information about each category and how to get involved on the other side of this leaflet.

\*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.

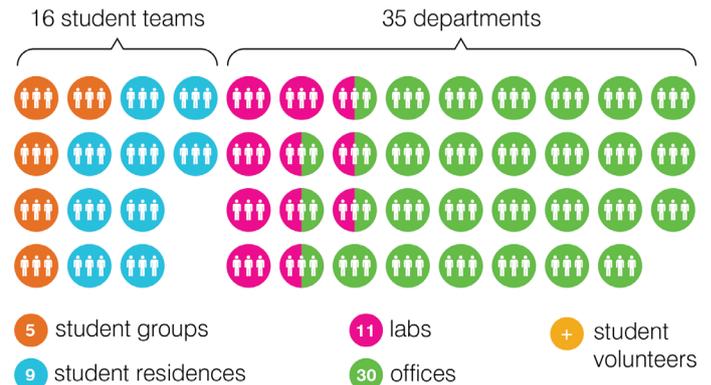
At the end of the year, participants provide evidence and are audited by our Department. Successful teams receive a locally-crafted award at our annual Sustainability Awards Ceremony.



## 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



Sustainable labs



Sustainability impact



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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