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, fundraise for good causes and promote healthier working lives. There are six Awards categories in total. Each category is tailored to suit a part of the University.

*S or offices, labs, buildings, research centres, schools, campuses, residences, halls, and more!

Office Awards
Awarded to teams that meet a range of criteria across six themes.

- Communications & Engagement
- Resource Efficiency
- Travel
- Energy
- Purchasing
- Health & Wellbeing

There are three levels; bronze, silver and gold, with additional mentoring opportunities.

Registration is now open for the 2019 Office Awards.

Lab Awards
Awarded to teams that meet a range of criteria across nine themes.

- 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

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Registration is now open for the 2019 Lab Awards.

www.sustainability.ed.ac.uk/awards
Student Residence Awards
Awarded to student residences that meet a range of criteria across five themes.

- Communications & Engagement
- Resource Efficiency
- Travel
- Energy
- Health & Wellbeing

There are three levels; bronze, silver and gold.

Registration for the 2019 Student Residence Awards will open in semester 1 of the 2019/20 academic year.

Student Awards
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When the Sustainability Awards were launched in 2010, 11 teams signed up. In 2018, 44 staff and student teams were involved.

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

For the Office and Lab Awards, teams track and submit their progress on an online platform. There is also an opportunity for returning teams to mentor new teams. There are a number of networking events throughout the year. Support is available throughout the process.

At the end of the year, participants provide evidence and are audited by our department, by students, or by other Awards teams. Successful teams receive a locally-crafted trophy at our annual Sustainability Awards Celebration.

Why participate?
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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.

Bruce Darby, Project Manager, University Website Programme

Interested in taking part?
Everyone 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.

Those interested in the awards don’t need to get their whole department or building involved before signing up. We will be able to link you with a team in your area if one already exists.

Visit www.sustainability.ed.ac.uk/awards or email us on SRS.Department@ed.ac.uk to register your interest.