



2020-21 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, fundraise for good causes and promote healthier working lives. There are five Awards categories in total. Each category is tailored to suit a part of the University.

*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.

-  Engagement and communications
-  Resource efficiency
-  Travel
-  Energy
-  Purchasing
-  Health and wellbeing

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

Registration is now open for the 20-21 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 20-21 Lab Awards.

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Community Partnership Awards

Social Responsibility and Sustainability Community Partnership Awards recognise University staff and students who have partnered with local communities on initiatives that have had positive social impact for the community partners. For the purposes of the Awards, 'local' counts as the City of Edinburgh, plus neighbouring council areas.



Tutoring project for Syrian refugees, 2018 recipients

Student Residence Awards

Awarded to student residences that meet a range of criteria across five themes.

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

 There are three levels; bronze, silver and gold.

Registration for the 2020-21 Student Residence Awards will open in semester 1 of the 2020-21 academic year.

Social Responsibility and Sustainability Changemakers

Do you know someone who deserves to be celebrated for their individual efforts? This award recognises individual students and staff who have brought noticeable positive change to the University and its community either by undertaking a successful project or by inspiring others.



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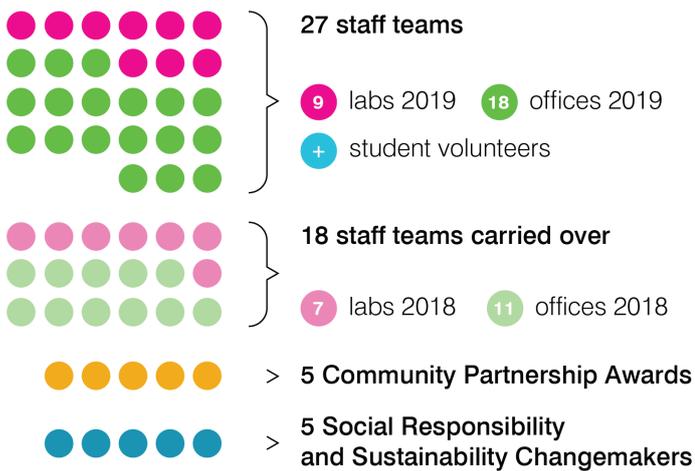


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Why participate?

You'll be part of a growing community of people who are making a difference at our University. It's also a fantastic way to play your part in delivering the University's Strategy 2030.

When the Sustainability Awards were launched in 2010, 11 teams signed up. In 2019, 45 staff 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
- Incentives and support to access funding

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*

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. Teams are supported 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.

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.

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