

RESEARCH DEGREE SUPERVISOR

This prize recognises division members who excel and demonstrate exceptional performance in postgraduate research supervision. A successful recipient will foster the intellectual, professional and personal development of their postgraduate researchers. Members of staff and students can make nominations for individual supervisors. Nominations must be supported by evidence of the nominee's dedication to research degree supervision and the support of postgraduate research students. Self-nominations are also accepted.

Criteria:

This Research Degree Supervisor Prize recognises exceptional performance and conduct in doctoral supervision. It will be awarded to an individual who has created the most supportive, stimulating and inspirational research environment for doctoral students within their School or wider university community.

Nominations will be either: (i) based on a number of excellent achievements across a range of areas which may include (but are not limited to) some of those listed below or (ii) one particularly outstanding achievement in one area only which has had a significant impact or outcomes for postgraduate researchers and postgraduate research degree supervision at Kent. The application should outline the basis on which it is to be considered.

Evidence of outstanding results and particular achievements in their supervision over a number of years eg Have students from a range of backgrounds been encouraged to pursue a doctorate? What have they gone on to achieve?

A pioneering approach to supervision: what has the nominee done above and beyond that which is expected of any good supervisor?

Demonstrable enthusiasm for the role and going the extra mile to help students navigate through difficulties, academic or otherwise.

Challenging students intellectually and helping them to make substantial contributions to their academic field.

Providing additional support and facilities to give greater scope to their research.

Offering constructive employment and career advice post-graduation.

Mentoring other supervisor staff members.

Eligibility:

This prize is open to all academic and research staff who demonstrate continued and committed activity in the supervision of research students registered at the University of Kent. Previous prize winners are not eligible to be considered again, but previously nominated candidates may reapply.

Please contact the Graduate and Researcher College at kentgrc@kent.ac.uk with any queries.