

DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES/ PROGRAMME ACADEMIC LEAD (DIVISION/SCHOOL/CENTRE)

This prize recognises a Director of Graduate Studies or a Programme Academic lead at the University of Kent whose work with and for postgraduate students has been of an exceptionally high quality. The successful recipient will be a staff member who has gone above and beyond their responsibilities outlined in the University's Code of Practice for Quality Assurance to create an exceptional environment for both postgraduate students and staff members.

Members of staff and students can make nominations for this prize. Nominations must be supported by evidence of the nominee's exceptional achievements and commitment in their academic school or across the wider university. Self-nominations are also accepted.

Criteria:

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 education and/or research at Kent. The application should outline the basis on which it is to be considered. The nomination for the prize of Director of Graduate Studies/ Programme Academic Lead should be accompanied by a statement of support from either

- The Head of School or Division
- The nominator (if there is one)

Development and introduction of new taught programme of study or research with high levels of postgraduate student satisfaction.

Increase in PRES and/or PTES (or other PG survey) scores as a result of the School's strategy for responding to these postgraduate surveys.

Mentoring and development of training or support for other academic staff members within the academic school, Division or wider university.

Strategy for attracting additional investment in postgraduate funding for the school which has achieved positive results.

Development of national and international collaborative activities at postgraduate level which has enhanced the postgraduate student experience. This might include collaboration with either HEIs or non-HEIs.

A positive example of good practice in student engagement and experience in the Division, Department, Centre or School.

NOTE: The successful candidate must have been in the role during the 2021-22 academic year, though aspects of the nomination might pre-date this.

Eligibility:

This prize is open to all Directors of Graduate Studies (Taught and Research) and Programme Academic Leads who demonstrate going above and beyond to create an exceptional environment for both students and staff. **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.