This prize recognises the excellence of a postgraduate researcher who teaches or demonstrates at the University of Kent. This prize awards teaching and demonstrating within the constraints of working to another’s module design. Members of staff and students can make nominations for postgraduate researchers who teach or demonstrate. Nominations must be supported by evidence of the nominee’s dedication to teaching or demonstrating. 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 on or outcomes for students. The application should outline the basis on which it is to be considered. The candidate must be making good progress with their research to receive the prize. The application must be accompanied by a supportive statement from at least one module convenor and/or the GTA Coordinator if relevant.

Clear and effective teaching and/or demonstrating in the classroom, laboratory or studio. The candidate shows clear understanding of their subject material and communicates it with enthusiasm and clarity to undergraduates or Master’s students, resulting in positive module evaluation(s).

Contribution to individual students’ overall experience within a module(s). The candidate may take account of the different learning needs of the students in the group and focuses on enhancing their learning experience.

Contribution to colleagues’ overall experience within a module(s). The candidate may act as a role model, demonstrating particularly high standards of delivery. They may influence and enhance colleagues’ practices within and beyond their own seminar or teaching/demonstration groups.

Personal and professional development in teaching/demonstrating practice. Shows evidence of incorporating new teaching skills learned through workshops, seminars and/or self-directed learning. Uses innovative or creative teaching/demonstrating techniques, technologies and methods to stimulate and inspire their students.

Takes positive steps to support administrative excellence in module management.

Contribution to the School, Centre, Division or wider University’s implementation of the Education and Student Experience Strategy.

NOTE: The nominee must have acted in this position during the current academic year 2022/2023.
Eligibility:
This prize is open to all postgraduates who teach and/or demonstrate. 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.