



# Guidance: Policy Impact and Public Engagement Awards 2023

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## Summary

### Policy Impact and Public Engagement Awards 2023

The Institute for Policy and Engagement is delighted to announce the fourth Policy Impact and Public Engagement Awards. These awards aim to recognise the excellent work by staff on all University of Nottingham campuses in achieving policy impact and engaging the public with current UoN research in 2022. We invite both self-nominations and nominations made on behalf of peers and colleagues.

[Click here to nominate for the Policy Impact and Public Engagement Awards](#)

[Click here to nominate for the Policy Impact and Public Engagement Awards \(China and Malaysia campuses\)](#)

### Key dates:

- Deadline for applications: 28 February 2023
- Announcement of shortlist: 6 March 2023
- Awards dinner: April 2023 (Date to be announced)

## Categories

The categories for the awards are:

- **Rising Star Award – Policy Impact**

This award will be presented to a member of staff in the early stages of an academic or research-only career who has worked with politicians, civil servants or any other type of policymakers or influencers with the aim of influencing public policy with their research findings.

Nominations for this category are open to early career research and academic staff, who have completed a doctorate within the last 8 years. Please note that the time limit may be flexible depending on individual circumstances – see the FAQs document for more details.

- **Rising Star Award – Public Engagement**

This award will be presented to a member of staff in the early stages of an academic or research-only career who has engaged the public with their research to generate mutual benefit. Public engagement activity includes hosting public events, running patient and public involvement initiatives, citizen science and collaborative research projects.

Nominations are open to early career research and academic staff, who have completed a doctorate within the last 8 years. Please note that the time limit may be flexible depending on individual circumstances – see the FAQs document for more details.

- **Best Policy Impact Initiative**

This award recognises an individual or team for a successful activity or initiative where research findings and communications have influenced the formation or implementation of public policy. This may be through working with politicians, civil servants or any other type of policymakers or influencers at any geographical location.

Nominations are open to individual research or academic staff, or research groups.

- **Best Public Engagement Initiative**

This award recognises an individual or team for a successful public engagement activity or initiative where public groups have benefitted from engagement with University of Nottingham research. Public engagement activity includes hosting public events, running patient and public involvement initiatives, citizen science and collaborative research projects.

Nominations are open to individual research or academic staff, or research groups.

### **Best School Engagement Initiative**

This award recognises an individual or team for a successful public engagement activity or initiative involving pupils at school or college. The activity or programme can have taken place in the classroom, on campus or elsewhere. Pupils must have benefitted by being inspired by current research or by contributing to research.

This award will be made in collaboration with the Schools and Colleges Outreach team.

Nominations are open to individual research or academic staff, or research groups.

- **The Institute Director's Award (IDA)**

This award recognises a non-academic member of staff, or non-academic team, who has been instrumental in supporting and facilitating the delivery of successful policy impact or public engagement work.

Nominations are open to members of staff outside of the Research & Teaching (R&T) job family.

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## **Judging Criteria**

### **Policy Impact - Rising Star and Best Initiative Awards**

These awards recognise outstanding academic staff based on all campuses whose research findings and communications have influenced the formation or implementation of public policy. This may be through working with politicians, civil servants or any other type of policymakers or influencers at any geographical location.

We invite both self-nominations and nominations made by a member of staff at faculty or school level or by a professional services staff member. The Best Initiative award is open to all academic staff, while the Rising Star award is aimed at Early Career Researchers (please see the FAQs for more detail on eligibility).

Applications will be judged against the following criteria:

- Evidence that the research findings have been taken up and used by policymakers.
- Lasting/emerging relationships with policymakers who facilitated policy impact, or as a result of the policy impact achieved.
- Benefit to the faculty/school/department/institute from a strategic, financial and/or reputational point of view.

For more information about these awards, please contact [Amanda Chukwudozie](#).

### **Public Engagement with Research - Rising Star, Best Public Engagement Initiative and Best School Engagement Initiative Awards**

These awards recognise outstanding academic staff based on all campuses who are opening up research at UoN to the wider world through engagement with the public.

Public engagement is about sharing and involving others in our research to inspire people of all ages, gain insights and share tools to help make sense of a complex and changing world. Eligible activity includes co-ordinating after school clubs, patient and public involvement, citizen science and collaborative research projects.

We invite both self-nominations and nominations made by a member of staff at faculty or school level or by a professional services staff member. The Best Public Engagement

Initiative and Best School Engagement Initiative awards are open to all academic staff, while the Rising Star award is aimed at Early Career Researchers (please see the FAQs for more detail on eligibility).

Work that is primarily intended to recruit students to UoN or higher education more generally (such as traditional taster sessions), is not covered by these awards.

Applications will be judged against the following criteria:

- Innovation in approaches to engage public groups with UoN research
- Involvement of diverse public groups, particularly those whose voices are heard less often
- Evidence that the activities provided benefits to the public, the researchers and the University of Nottingham

For more information, please contact [Maria Richards](#).

### **The Institute Director's Award**

This award recognises the indispensable work non-academic members of staff do to facilitate the work of our academics and researchers to engage the public with research and/or achieve policy impact.

We invite both self-nominations and nominations made by a member of staff at faculty or school level or by a professional services staff member.

Applications will be judged against the following criteria:

- Demonstrable ongoing commitment to support public engagement or policy impact activity
- Development and implementation of new ideas and approaches to engagement
- Establishing relationships with public or policy audiences

For more information, please contact [Amanda Chukwudozie](#).

### **Data Protection**

The Institute for Policy and Engagement will collect, store and use all personal data entrants provide in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation. Further details about how the University of Nottingham processes and handles data can be found [here](#).

### **Contact us**

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