University of Essex
Celebrating Excellence in Research Awards 2019
In 2019 we are establishing the annual Celebrating Excellence in Research Awards to recognize and celebrate the world leading research carried out by the academic community at the University of Essex. The winners of these awards will be leading research that is excellent in terms of significance and generation of novel insight and in terms of rigour and innovation of approach.

There will be three categories of award, for each of our three Faculties:

1. **Research Champion**
   
   This award will recognise academic staff with a significant track record of outstanding research and who have shown leadership in supporting or enabling others to deliver high quality research.

2. **Exceptional Performance**
   
   This award will recognize academic staff who have delivered exceptional research performance in a single year.

3. **Outstanding Early Career Researcher**
   
   This award will recognize academic staff at an early stage of their independent career (awarded a PhD no earlier than 1 March 2009) who have produced outstanding research and demonstrate strong future potential.

Award Winners will be invited to the Celebrating Excellence in Research Awards event to be held on 3 May 2019 at the University of Essex Colchester Campus where they will be invited to give a short presentation of their work. Winners will also receive an inscribed award and a £1,000 prize to support their research.

Professor Christine Raines (PVC, Research)
Guidance Notes

1. Application process

Heads of Departments/Schools are asked to identify and submit a maximum of two nominees for each category.

To identify potential nominees, Heads of Departments/Schools and Directors of Research should invite senior staff to put forward nominations and invite academic staff for self-nominations. In addition to the application form, information contained in the RIS should be used to inform selection of candidates to be considered for an award.

The nomination process should be managed through the School/Department and a transparent process should operate to identify the nominees to be submitted to the PVC Research.

Nominees should read the guidance notes/assessment criteria and complete the nomination pro forma.

The nominations for each School/Department (max of 2 nominations per award category) must be submitted by 4pm on Friday 1 March 2019 to: louise.vincent@essex.ac.uk

Nominations will be assessed by a judging panel led by the PVC Research and involving the Deputy Deans for Research to identify the winners in each category.

2. Eligibility

Nominated individuals must be academic members of staff based at the University of Essex. In the case of the Early Career Researcher Award, nominees must be academic members of staff at an early stage of their independent career (awarded a PhD no earlier than 1 March 2009)

3. Assessment criteria

Research Champion

Above the discipline norm in more than one of the following:

- Significant and sustained research income
- Prestigious external awards eg. FBA/FRS or equivalent
- Leadership of successful (funding, high profile outputs) international collaborations
- Supporting research of other colleagues through eg. co-authoring papers, PI/CoPI on grants
**Exceptional performance in one year**

Above the discipline norm in one of the following:

- Winning external research income
- Level of outputs in both quantity and quality
- Externally funded international collaborations.
- Receipt of a significant external prize.

**Outstanding Early Career Research**

Above the discipline norm for the stage of career:

- In capture of research income
- Quality and quantity of outputs.