

## Doctoral Supervision Award 2020

### Criteria for the Award

The Doctoral Supervision Award is intended to recognise excellent performance and conduct in doctoral supervision. At least one award will be made annually. Individuals or supervisory teams may be nominated. Individuals must have supervised at least two doctoral candidates through to completion. The College expects *all its supervisors* to support their students in the following ways:

- to, where appropriate, initiate and plan a suitable research project;
- to acquire the research skills to undertake it ;
- to critically review relevant research literature;
- to gain adequate access to appropriate resources;
- to develop an appropriate analysis and argumentation for the thesis and adopt a suitable writing style;
- to learn to work both independently and with others on research;
- to present their work to others, both academic and non-academic audiences;
- to encourage networking with other researchers in the same or cognate fields within and outside the university and the joining of relevant professional bodies/learned societies;
- to submit and complete on time;
- to produce a high quality thesis;
- to be successful in the thesis examination;
- to disseminate the results appropriately and maximize academic and non-academic impact;
- to develop skills related to their future career.

***The College expects that an excellent supervisor or supervisory team would be able to demonstrate the following:***

- a strong commitment to and enthusiasm for doctoral supervision and support;
- the ability to recruit and select good candidates and establish effective working relationships with them and with co-supervisors;
- the provision of useful and prompt feedback on submitted work, advice on keeping projects on track, and the monitoring of progress;
- the capacity to help integrate research students into communities and networks of other researchers both inside and outside the university;
- the ability to offer appropriate support to students' research projects, including the processes of upgrade, submission of their thesis, final examination and where appropriate production of research outputs ;
- an appropriate engagement with, and contribution to, the development and promotion of doctoral students' research;
- the encouragement of their students to disseminate their work;
- the framing of opportunities for students to be engaged in relevant activities such as seminars, conferences, placements/internships etc.
- a concern to support the personal, professional, and career development of doctoral students;

- an ability to evaluate critically their practice as supervisors and, where appropriate, disseminate it, acting as a role model for others.
- engagement in continuing professional development as a supervisor

Applications will involve a Head of Department (HoD) working with their Director of Postgraduate Education (DPE) to identify potential candidates (maximum of two per department) to complete a nomination form showing how the applicant(s) meet the criteria and sending three testimonials, at least two from current or past research students and at least one from a member of staff.

Applications are invited from HoDs/DPEs by no later than **12 noon on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020**. The winner will receive £600 for their PI account (shared if it is a team) and be entered for the national Times Higher Education Outstanding Supervisor of the Year Award 2020 (subject to confirmation this will be running in 2020).