LAURELS AWARDS

Awards Criteria.

Laurels Awards 2018.

The Laurels Awards are the Students' Union's annual awards, in which we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our fantastic students across campus.

The Awards exist for any student who has contributed in an outstanding manner to making student life better at Royal Holloway; this may range from being an exceptional member of the SU student staff team, to playing a key part in student group activity through a club or society, or being an engaged and impactful Course Representative.

The Students' Union has a vast number of opportunities for students to get involved and make a difference and the Laurels Awards are one of the ways in which we can say thank you.

Six unique categories make up the Laurels Awards. Read the summary for each award below to select the one most appropriate for your nominee. Please then complete the online nomination form by the deadline of 9 May (midnight).

Those students shortlisted for an Award will be invited to a celebratory Awards evening at the Students' Union on Thursday 24 May from 7.30pm until 10.00pm.

LAURELS.

To recognise outstanding contribution to the Students' Union either in a voluntary or paid capacity. Presented to individuals who demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Leadership skills that have a positive impact on an individual, team, group or the Students' Union in general.
- Delivery of an excellent service or campaign which positively impacts our members.
- Skills which have led to the accomplishment of improvement in relation to a group, course or issue.
- Strong and consistent association with one or all of our five values in their day to day association with the Students' Union:
  - o *Student Focused*
  - o *High Quality*
  - o *Inclusive*
  - o *Trustworthy*
  - o *Brave*

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS:

- Members of student groups
- Members of student staff
- Course representatives

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

To recognise an individual who has had a longstanding relationship with the Students' Union either through a student group, student staff position, course representative position or other. The individual will demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Commitment to the success of the Students' Union
- Support for others to improve a situation or bring about impactful change
- Consistency in approach
- Motivational behaviour

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS:

- Members of student groups
- Members of student staff
- Course representatives
- Friends of the Students' Union

COURSE REP OF THE YEAR.

To recognise a Course Representative who has shown excellence through some or all of the following:

- Successfully effecting positive change
- Engaging large numbers of students in the discussion of an issue
- Innovative campaigning
- Working constructively and collaboratively with their department
- Improving the Course Rep system at Royal Holloway

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS:

- Course representatives

IMPACT OF THE YEAR.

To recognise the work of a group or individual in making student life better at Royal Holloway; this could be through a project or campaign. They will have shown excellence in one or all of the following:

- Engaging with a wide student community
- Achieving changes or improvements for students at Royal Holloway
- Leadership that inspires others around them

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS:

- All Royal Holloway students

DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR.

To recognise the academic department that has worked to integrate the Course Representative system in their department, effecting change and enhancing the student experience.

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS:

• Academic departments

CAMERON GRANT MEMORIAL SHIELD.

A student recognition award in memory of Cameron Grant, a Royal Holloway student who took his own life in November 2014. Working with the family, this award is presented to a student who:

• Has overcome adversity
• Has successfully managed mental health issues
• Has helped another student with either of the above

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS:

• All Royal Holloway students

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