
The University of Dundee are delighted to announce details of the eighth annual Stephen Fry Awards for Excellence in Public Engagement with Research.

These awards recognise the work of our outstanding communicators in improving understanding of the University's research and practice to a wider audience. The recipient/s will receive a trophy and £1500 funding to support their future public engagement activities.

The awards recognise those who have shown initiative, beyond their defined roles, to enhance the public engagement activities based on the University's research. Applications should explain how they would use the award-funding to increase the impact of their public engagement activities in the future.

Two Awards
To recognise the different approaches to engaging the public with research, there are two categories of award. Use the single application form for both categories and the selection panel will decide, with input from the nominee/s, which category is the best fit for the application.

- The 2019 Stephen Fry Award - Public Engagement Project of the Year is awarded to a team of up to six who have led an initiative that has made outstanding contributions to public engagement with research.

- The 2019 Stephen Fry Award - Engaged Researcher of the Year is awarded to an individual who has shown excellence in engaging the public with the University's research.

About the Awards
- The awards are open to individuals or groups working or studying at the University.
- The awards cover the broad scope of public engagement activities and audiences include engaging with; communities, charities, NGOs, industry, policy makers, professional bodies, schools and colleges. These can be delivered by a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, face-to-face, online or via the media.
- These activities must have a primary objective of enhancing a non-academic audience’s understanding and awareness of research performed at the University, and the impact this research has on transforming lives locally and globally.

The University is particularly keen to receive applications from early career researchers. We welcome nominations of collaborative projects across and between our academic Schools.

Deadline for nominations
Nominations must be received by 1PM on FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 2018.

Eligibility
The University of Dundee wishes to recognise current members of staff or enrolled students within the University community.

Members of staff or postgraduate students not directing or participating in their own research activities are eligible to be nominated. However, the main focus of the public engagement should be research performed at the University.

The University uses the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement’s definition of public engagement when considering the awards

“The myriad of ways in which the activity and benefits of research can be shared with the public. Engagement is by definition a two-way process, involving interaction and listening, with the goal of generating mutual benefit.”

Elements of commercialisation are welcome but are not the main focus of the Stephen Fry Award. Winners of a Stephen Fry Award in previous years are not expected to apply.

Who can nominate?
Any current member of University staff or enrolled student may nominate. Self-nominations are welcomed.

Information required for submission
Please complete the application form in full. Include details of the impacts and contributions of the nominee’s (nominees’) public engagement work within the past two years. Evidence of work before the two year period can be included but will not form the basis of the panel’s decision.

Evaluation criteria
All applications will be reviewed using the following the criteria:

- Research Focus
- Outcomes and Impacts (on audiences, stakeholders, the nominees themselves)
- Initiative and Leadership
- Planning and Evaluation
- Future Activity (plan for work to be completed no later than February 2020).

The selection process
Applications will be considered by a panel composed of University staff, public engagement professionals, and a member of the public will be invited to the panel. Shortlisted applicants may be asked to deliver a short presentation to, and receive questions from, the selection panel. Any presentations will take place between the 10-19 December 2018.
Award winners will be contacted before the 20 December 2018. The winner/s of both categories will be invited to receive their award and present their work at the 2019 Discovery Days on Friday 11 January at the University of Dundee's Dalhousie Building.

**Guidelines for Stephen Fry Award Winners**
1. We ask all successful recipients to present at the upcoming Discovery Days event. Please place the afternoon of 11 January in your diary at the time of applying.

2. The University would like to showcase the work of our Stephen Fry Award winners as exemplars of public engagement. We ask all awardees to engage in this process by contributing a Case Study on their award winning work by 31st March 2019, and by participating, when invited, in at least one University organised activity, focused on celebrating and sharing your achievements.

3. Following the award, recipients are asked to submit a project plan for the expenditure of the £1500 prize money to the selection panel by 31st March 2019. This should include a fully costed budget. Members of the selection panel will discuss and agree on the project plan with the awardees.

4. We understand that some elements of the agreed funding plan may run into the next financial year i.e. after July 2019. However, all expenditure, or internal journal transfer, must be completed at the latest by 30th April 2020.