**Guidance notes: The PGR Community Champion Award**

**What is the purpose of the award?**

The award recognises outstanding contribution by a current UoB PGR or group of PGRs to their postgraduate research community, and who has contributed significantly to PGR events, projects, representation and/or experience in the given award year.

**Who can make a nomination?**

* Nominations can be made by a current UoB Postgraduate Researcher (PGR) or member of staff (professional services or academic). Collective nominations are welcome if a group of two or more wish to nominate an individual or group.

**What are the criteria for the award?**

* The nominated PGR must be a registered current postgraduate at the time of nomination and award (February-June 2025). If nominating a group all members of that group should be from the PGR community. Any prize will be distributed equally between members of that group.
* For the 2025 award, PGR(s) must be nominated for work undertaken in the 2024-2025 academic year.
* Nominations can be made for any current PGR or group of PGRs, for work benefiting the PGR community.
* The nomination should be guided by:
	1. The nominee’s demonstrable enthusiasm for PGR community engagement and for supporting their peers.
	2. A record of measurable impact and success in their representation and/or support of their PGR community.
* Examples of possible nominees might be an outstanding Postgraduate Research Rep, UGS Scholar, Student Content Shaper, or a PGR who has contributed significantly to PGR events and/or projects while at the University.

**How do I make a nomination?**

* Nominations must be made on the standard nomination form which can be found [here](https://uobasops.formstack.com/forms/pgr_community_award_2024_25).

The nomination statement should include:

Explanation of the extent of the PGRs contribution to PGR community at UoB.

Explanation of the significance of their work.

Evidence of the measurable impact of their work.

Deadline for submission of the fully completed Nomination Form is **28th April 2025.**

**What Happens Next?**

The forms will be judged by the University Graduate School team. The winner will be formally announced at the University Graduate School Awards Event in June.

If you have any questions about the process, please email graduateschool@contacts.bham.ac.uk.