

Teaching Excellence Award – 2025

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities invites outstanding educators working in the faculty to apply for the 2025 Teaching Excellence Award. This award recognises exceptional commitment, innovation, and impact in the field of teaching.

Your application will be evaluated by senior faculty members, and the performance and details of the immediate past semester will be taken into consideration.

Kindly review the scheme for the Teaching Excellence Award – 2025 for further information. Applicants must download and complete the application form. A PDF copy of the completed application and the portfolio must be emailed to excellenceawardssh@gmail.com on or before the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted.

Important dates:

- Calling of applications – 15th August 2025
- Closing date of applications – 30th August 2025
- Announcement of awardees – 30th September 2025

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Scheme of Teaching Excellence Award

1. Introduction

The scheme of awarding excellence in teaching is to recognise the academic and academic support staff of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities who exemplify excellence in teaching. The main purpose of this award scheme is to honour and recognise academic and academic support staff who demonstrate exceptional performance in teaching.

The award presented is known as the “Teaching Excellence Award”, which will be organised annually by the faculty.

2. Objectives of the Teaching Excellence Award

The main objectives of the award are: to identify the excellent academics and academic support staff who practice best in the dissemination of knowledge in the teaching environment, and to recognise them in the form of an award. Further, the award scheme aims to promote a culture of outstanding teaching excellence among the teaching staff of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. It is expected that the award scheme would encourage a culture of best practices in teaching among both senior and junior staff members.

3. Policies of the award

3.1 Name of the Award: The awards presented will be identified as the “Teaching Excellence Award-Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities”.

3.2 Eligibility Criteria: The applicant for the award should be a permanent member of the academic/academic support staff.

3.3 Method of application and the period: Staff members contesting for the award should submit his/her information through the application available on the faculty website/portal. The application has to be channelled through the Head of the department, with the approval of the Dean, to the faculty level selection committee.

3.4 Categories of stakeholders /criteria:

The evaluation of applicants for the award will be based on the criteria mentioned below, with the percentages indicated.

a. Faculty level student feedback - 40%

(Members working in other faculties are subject to respective faculty-level student feedback.

b. Peer review - 20%

c. Contribution to Blended Teaching - 20%

d. Through a Portfolio which comprises contribution to extra work, student achievement, and teaching aids and innovation presented by the applicant - 20% (A soft copy of the Portfolio has to be emailed along with the application)

3.5 Evaluation of applications:

The faculty level selection committee will evaluate the applicants based on the criteria 3.4 indicated in this policy document.

4. Presentation of award

The winners of the Teaching Excellence Award will receive a certificate.

5. Responsibility

The faculty level selection committee is the responsible body for calling applications, evaluation of applicants and the final awarding process. The selection committee will comprise Senior Academics of the faculty. The appointments will have to be approved by the faculty board, and the committee will be appointed for a period of two years.

6. Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of the “Teaching Excellence Award” of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities are the senior academic members who are senior lecturers and above and the academic staff members who are lecturers and below, and the instructors.

The faculty will award two excellence awards annually, consisting of two for each department, and there will be two categories of ‘Teaching Excellence Award’; senior category and junior category, as indicated below.

- (i) Senior Category- Awarded for Senior Lecturer and above.
- (ii) Junior Category- Awarded for Lecturer and below, including Instructors.