



STUDENT TEACHING AWARDS

EVENT PROGRAMME

March 27th 2026, Bute Hall, University of Glasgow



SCHEDULE

19:00 – 19:30

- Arrival and Drinks Reception -

19:30 – 20:30

**- Introduction to the Evening
and First Half of the Awards -**

Best Graduate Teaching Assistant

Best College Teacher

(Arts, MVLS, CoSE, CoSS)

Best Dissertation Supervisor

Best Research Supervisor

20:30 – 21:00

- Interval -

21:00 – 22:00

- Second Half of the Awards -

Best Support Staff

Best Practice in Inclusive Education

Best Advisor of Studies

Best Feedback

Best Student Representative

Highly Innovative Teaching

Outstanding Contribution to Teaching

Closing Statements

BEST GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Makes an excellent contribution to the learning experience
 - Inspires students to study beyond the classroom
- Shows clear passion and excitement for their subject matter

Presented by Ebrahim Rezaei - UG College Convenor (MVLS)



MR ALBERT GIL GIL

School: Social & Political Sciences

Areas of Excellence: Engaging Teaching

Albert brings energy, curiosity, and creativity into every class, using anecdotes and real-world context to bring topics to life. His teaching encourages students to think beyond the syllabus, leaving them eager to learn more. Alongside this, he is known for his kindness and support, offering both academic guidance and personal encouragement, and creating a learning environment where students feel valued and inspired.



MISS SOPHIE MACPHERSON

School: MVLS College Services

Areas of Excellence: Reassuring Support

Sophie has been a consistent and reassuring presence for Level 3 Anatomy students, creating a supportive environment where students feel comfortable asking questions and building confidence. She offers clear, practical guidance across both teaching and academic development, from lab work to dissertation planning. Her approachable nature and willingness to give her time generously have made a lasting impact on students navigating a demanding course.



MR ELLIOT NAPIER

School: Social & Political Sciences

Areas of Excellence: Immersive Learning

Elliot brings subjects to life through imaginative and immersive teaching, transforming complex or unfamiliar topics into engaging, memorable experiences. From interactive activities to creative role play, his approach encourages students to actively participate and see ideas from new perspectives. His enthusiasm and originality create a dynamic learning environment, leaving students inspired and excited about subjects they may not have previously studied.

BEST COLLEGE TEACHER - ARTS & HUMANITIES

- Shows passion for their subject
- Inspires students beyond the classroom
- Helps students improve their knowledge of their subject

Presented by Sarah Millar – School Rep for Humanities

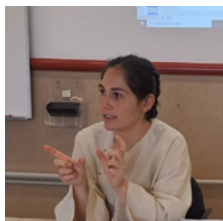


PROFESSOR MARC ALEXANDER

School: Critical Studies

Areas of Excellence: Memorable Teaching

Professor Alexander delivers teaching that is both memorable and impactful, using humour to support deep and lasting learning. His approachable style, patience, and encouragement create a safe environment where students feel confident to explore ideas and make mistakes. Known for meeting students where they are, he fosters curiosity and enthusiasm, with a genuine passion for his subject that resonates long after his lectures end.



DR PAULA REDONDO JUÁREZ

School: Modern Languages & Cultures

Areas of Excellence: Transformative Language Teaching

Dr Juárez creates a vibrant and inclusive learning environment where students feel confident to participate and engage. Her teaching is interactive, supportive, and full of personality, encouraging meaningful discussion and ensuring no one is left behind. Beyond the classroom, she offers generous one-to-one support, from CV guidance to applications, demonstrating a genuine

commitment to her students' personal and academic development.



DR ELIZABETH REEDER

School: Critical Studies

Areas of Excellence: Compassionate Teaching

Dr. Elizabeth Reeder brings exceptional passion and insight to some of the most demanding territory in creative writing; experimental and hybrid forms, memoirs, poetry, and prose that grapples unflinchingly with mental health, grief, illness, and the full, messy complexity of lived experience. Crucially, she teaches her students to embrace the process of writing, including what she beautifully frames 'creative failure'. Dr. Reeder's care also extends well beyond the page. She attends to her students as whole people; responding generously to emails, providing references, dimming the lights when the room is too bright, bringing snacks, and making time for individual conversations before and after every class.

BEST COLLEGE TEACHER - MVLS

- Shows passion for their subject
- Inspires students beyond the classroom
- Helps students improve their knowledge of their subject

Presented by Alina Chauhan – Environmental Officer



DR EMMA FOGGO

School: Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing

Areas of Excellence: Applied Clinical Teaching

Dr Foggo brings energy, enthusiasm, and real-world insight to her teaching, helping students connect clinical theory with practice. Her experience as a practising dentist enriches her sessions, giving students the confidence to apply their knowledge in real settings. Through supportive guidance and clear instruction, she has transformed challenging areas of study into opportunities for growth, leaving a lasting impact on her students' development.



PROFESSOR CHRIS HARROD

School: Biodiversity, One Health and Veterinary Medicine

Areas of Excellence: Inspiring Teaching

Professor Harrod brings infectious enthusiasm and energy to his teaching, transforming student engagement with freshwater ecology. His passion creates a dynamic learning environment where curiosity thrives, even among those new to the subject. Through consistent dedication, warmth, and commitment, he inspires students to develop a

genuine interest in the field and leaves a lasting impression on their academic journey.



DR JUDE STEVENSON

School: Psychology & Neuroscience

Areas of Excellence: Inclusive Leadership

Dr Stevenson embeds inclusion at the heart of her teaching, creating a welcoming and supportive environment where all students feel valued. As a champion for accessibility and student wellbeing, she actively promotes inclusive initiatives while delivering engaging, personal lectures. Her openness, encouragement, and consistent support empower students both academically and personally, making a meaningful difference to their university experience.

BEST COLLEGE TEACHER - CoSE

- Shows passion for their subject
- Inspires students beyond the classroom
- Helps students improve their knowledge of their subject

Presented by Somaria Maharaj – School of Psychology and Neuroscience Rep



PROFESSOR LUKE DALY

School: Geographical & Earth Sciences

Areas of Excellence: Dynamic Teaching

Professor Daly creates an energetic and engaging learning environment, using creative tools and visuals to bring his teaching to life. His approach encourages active participation, building a classroom culture where students feel confident to ask questions and explore ideas. In both lectures and fieldwork, he champions curiosity and enthusiasm, helping students learn without fear and fully engage with the subject.



DR STUART GREY

School: James Watt School of Engineering

Areas of Excellence: Career-Focused Teaching

Dr Grey delivers engaging and insightful teaching, bringing fresh perspective to familiar topics and providing detailed, personalised feedback that supports real progress. Beyond the classroom, he offers practical careers guidance, equipping students with the confidence and skills to take their next steps. His support has had a direct impact on student outcomes, helping them secure internships and future opportunities.



DR SEAN MCGINTY

School: James Watt School of Engineering

Areas of Excellence: Clear Communication

Dr McGinty excels at making complex concepts accessible, breaking them down with clarity and patience to support student understanding. He actively listens to feedback and continually refines his teaching, creating an engaging and responsive learning environment. By introducing friendly competitions and offering honest, practical advice, he brings energy to his teaching while demonstrating a genuine commitment to his students' success.

BEST COLLEGE TEACHER - CoSS

- Shows passion for their subject
- Inspires students beyond the classroom
- Helps students improve their knowledge of their subject

Presented by Ayush Garg – VP Education



MISS CATRIONA FORREST

School: Social & Political Sciences

Areas of Excellence: Community Building

Catriona creates an inclusive and supportive learning environment where every student feels confident to contribute. Through thoughtful facilitation and active listening, she ensures all voices are heard, particularly supporting those new to the discipline. She also acts on student feedback, organising opportunities that strengthen community and belonging, making a meaningful impact on both the academic and social experience of her students.



DR MICHAEL SCANLAN & DR JONATHAN PARKER

School: Social & Political Sciences

Areas of Excellence: Engaging Lectures

Dr Scanlan and Dr Parker create a dynamic and welcoming learning environment, bringing politics to life through engaging and accessible teaching. Their enthusiasm and humour make complex ideas feel approachable, encouraging students to participate with confidence. They actively respond to student feedback, continually improving the experience, and their



shared passion for the subject leaves a lasting impression on how students connect with their learning.



DR ANUPAM SINGH

School: Adam Smith Business School

Areas of Excellence: Practical Teaching

Dr Singh brings coding to life through hands-on, step-by-step teaching that turns theory into practice. By writing and running code live in lectures, he helps students understand not just how it works, but why it matters. His clear structure, patient approach, and careful pacing ensure students build strong, lasting confidence in key skills such as Python and SQL.

BEST DISSERTATION SUPERVISOR

- Provides exceptional guidance to students throughout the whole dissertation process
- Helps build students' enthusiasm and interest in their dissertation topics
- Helps build students' critical thinking and independent working

Presented by Duncan Calvert – SRC President



PROFESSOR SIMON JOSS

School: Social & Political Sciences

Areas of Excellence: Thoughtful Supervision

Professor Joss provides expert and engaging supervision, helping students approach their research with confidence and curiosity. His clear, timely feedback supports strong critical thinking and well-developed arguments, while his guidance encourages independent exploration. By striking a careful balance between support and autonomy, he enables students to navigate complex research challenges and deepen their understanding of their subject.



DR SUSAN LINDSAY

School: Infection & Immunity

Areas of Excellence: Empowering Supervision

Dr Lindsay creates a supportive and encouraging research environment, helping students build confidence and develop their ideas. Her thoughtful questioning strengthens critical thinking while allowing space for independence and exploration. Known for her genuine care and engagement, she supports students as individuals, with a lasting impact

that extends beyond their studies, inspiring them to pursue further academic paths.



DR EUAN MCGOOKIN

School: James Watt School of Engineering

Areas of Excellence: Supportive Supervision

Dr McGookin brings enthusiasm, care, and respect to his supervision, creating a supportive environment where students feel valued and confident in their work. He encourages independence and ownership while remaining consistently available for guidance. His compassionate, student-centred approach, even in remote settings, ensures students feel supported both academically and personally throughout their research journey.

BEST RESEARCH SUPERVISOR

- Inspires students' research to go in new directions
- Provides support and guidance throughout a students' research
- Makes students' aware of opportunities to support their research

Presented by Laura Thompson – General Representative



PROFESSOR QAMMER ABBASI

School: James Watt School of Engineering

Areas of Excellence: Research Leadership

Professor Abbasi combines academic expertise with a proactive, hands-on approach to supervision, supporting students to develop ambitious and well-structured research. He encourages innovation while providing the resources and opportunities needed to bring ideas into practice. Through regular, responsive guidance and access to facilities, he enables steady progress and helps students confidently translate theory into real-world experimentation.



DR STEPHEN MULLEN

School: Humanities

Areas of Excellence: Student Advocacy

Dr Mullen provides insightful and inspiring guidance, supporting students to grow in confidence and pursue new opportunities. He is a dedicated advocate for his students, ensuring they are connected not only within the University but across their wider discipline. Through initiatives such as the Methodologies of Atlantic Slavery reading group, he creates meaningful opportunities for collaboration,

development, and academic engagement.



DR. MOHAMMAD YAZDANI-ASRAMI

School: James Watt School of Engineering

Areas of Excellence: Supportive Mentorship

Dr Yazdani-Asrami empowers students to think boldly and explore new possibilities, encouraging confidence and independence in their work. He combines academic guidance with genuine care, supporting students both professionally and personally. His dedication to each individual's development, alongside the success of his wider research group, creates an environment where students feel valued, motivated, and able to reach their full potential.

BEST SUPPORT STAFF

- A non-academic member of staff who provides support that exceeds expectations
 - Is friendly and welcoming to students
- Provides support and guidance to students in a timely and effective manner

Presented by Reilly Gardner – International Students' Officer



MR ANDREW BUCHAN

School: Adam Smith Business School

Areas of Excellence: Student Wellbeing

Andrew provides thoughtful and personalised support, helping students navigate academic and personal challenges with confidence. Drawing on professional expertise and genuine care, he works with individuals to develop practical strategies that make a lasting difference. His approach goes beyond quick solutions, creating a supportive environment where students feel understood, valued, and better equipped to succeed and thrive.



MR BILLY COOK

Service: Estates (42 Bute Gardens)

Areas of Excellence: Everyday Impact

Billy plays a vital role in supporting students day to day, offering guidance, reassurance, and a friendly presence in a complex and often confusing building. Known for his encyclopaedic knowledge and willingness to help, he goes out of his way to ensure students get where they need to be. His warmth, reliability, and genuine care make a lasting difference to countless students' university experience.



MISS LOUISE WALKER

School: Adam Smith Business School

Areas of Excellence: Holistic Support

Louise provides compassionate, practical support that helps students navigate challenges with confidence. She creates a safe space for students to be heard, while also taking proactive steps to resolve issues and connect them with the right support. Her consistent follow-up and genuine care ensure students feel supported long term, leaving them more confident, capable, and able to succeed.

BEST PRACTICE IN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

- Creates an inclusive environment
- Celebrates diversity within the curriculum
- Has gone above and beyond to make learning & teaching and assessment accessible to all students on the course.

Presented by Frank Chen – VP Student Support



DR MICHAEL SCANLAN

School: Social & Political Sciences

Areas of Excellence: Inclusive Support

Dr Scanlan demonstrates a deeply inclusive approach to teaching, proactively supporting students and ensuring they feel seen, valued, and understood. His thoughtful, personalised feedback builds confidence and encourages students to believe in their own abilities. By creating a supportive and affirming environment, he makes a meaningful difference to students' academic journeys and overall sense of belonging.



PROFESSOR BONNIE SLADE

School: Education

Areas of Excellence: Transformative Inclusion

Professor Slade creates a deeply inclusive learning environment where every student feels valued and confident to contribute. Through a thoughtful, student-centred approach, she places lived experience and diverse perspectives at the heart of learning. Her teaching builds trust, confidence, and community, transforming participation and fostering a strong sense of belonging among

students from a wide range of backgrounds.



DR EMILINE SMITH

School: Social & Political Sciences

Areas of Excellence: Inclusive Practice

Dr Smith delivers clear, accessible teaching that actively supports a wide range of learning needs. She creates an environment where difference is recognised and valued, speaking openly about neurodiversity and adapting her approach to support individual students. Through thoughtful, personalised guidance, she helps students navigate challenges with confidence, turning uncertainty into success and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

BEST ADVISOR OF STUDIES

- Provides excellent support and guidance for students
- Gives advice that has helped to improve students' learning experience
 - Friendly and welcoming to students

Presented by Jannat Afzal – General Representative



DR IAN MCELROY

School: Social & Political Sciences

Areas of Excellence: Dedicated Advising

Dr McElroy provides consistent, compassionate support that helps students navigate complex academic journeys with confidence. Through regular meetings and thoughtful guidance, he supports key decisions around course choices and progression. His patience, care, and genuine investment in his students' futures make a meaningful difference, offering stability and reassurance that enables students to continue and succeed.



DR OSKAR BRATTSTRÖM

School: Biodiversity, One Health and Veterinary Medicine

Areas of Excellence: Consistent Support

Dr Brattström provides steady, reassuring support throughout his students' academic journeys, offering calm, practical guidance during challenging moments. His proactive approach and genuine interest in each student as an individual help build trust and confidence over time. By combining patience with thoughtful advice, he creates a supportive

advising relationship that has a lasting and meaningful impact on student wellbeing and success.



DR OURANIA VARSOU

School: Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing

Areas of Excellence: Personalised Support

Dr Varsou provides deeply thoughtful and personalised guidance, supporting students to make confident decisions about their academic and professional futures. She takes the time to understand each individual's strengths, goals, and circumstances, offering advice that is both practical and meaningful. Her genuine care for students as people, not just learners, makes a lasting impact on their confidence and direction.

BEST FEEDBACK

- Actively listens to student opinions and concerns.
- Gathers and responds to student feedback in an effective way.
- Works in partnership with students to improve the student experience.

Presented by Ben Jones – Incoming VP Education 2026-27



DR LEYLA DE AMICIS

School: Biodiversity, One Health and Veterinary Medicine

Areas of Excellence: Constructive Feedback

Dr de Amicis provides timely, detailed feedback that supports students at every stage of their work. Her guidance balances clarity with encouragement, recognising strengths while offering thoughtful, constructive suggestions for improvement. This careful, supportive approach helps students build confidence in their abilities and ensures they feel guided and reassured throughout their academic development.



PROFESSOR ANDREW MACKILLOP

School: Humanities

Areas of Excellence: Engaging Feedback

Professor Mackillop delivers clear, accessible feedback that maintains strong academic rigour while remaining easy to engage with. His guidance is enriched by tailored scholarly recommendations that deepen students' understanding of their subject. Through flexible support and exceptional responsiveness across multiple channels, he ensures students

feel supported, informed, and confident in developing their work.



DR WILHELMIINA TOIVO

School: Psychology & Neuroscience

Areas of Excellence: Continuous Feedback

Dr Toivo provides consistent, high-quality feedback that supports students throughout their learning journey. Through regular guidance and timely communication, she helps students stay on track and continually improve. Her balanced and encouraging approach highlights strengths while clearly identifying areas for development, fostering confidence and a strong growth mindset in a supportive and motivating learning environment.

BEST STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

- Maintains a dialogue with students to understand their issues
- Provides feedback to students about issues they've worked on
 - Makes positive changes for students

Presented by Molly Corbett – Current Charities Officer and Incoming SRC President 2026–27

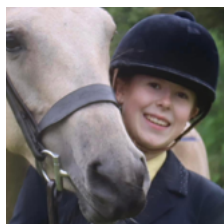


CHRIS CONACHER

Class Representative: Adam Smith Business School

Areas of Excellence: Peer Support

Chris creates a supportive and approachable environment where students feel comfortable sharing concerns and seeking help. His proactive approach, from keeping classmates informed to organising thoughtful gestures, has made a clear and positive impact on the student experience. Reliable and dedicated, he consistently goes the extra mile to support his peers and strengthen the sense of community within his cohort.



HANNAH MCINTYRE

Class Representative: Biodiversity, One Health and Veterinary Medicine

Areas of Excellence: Student Advocacy

Hannah is a committed and proactive representative who ensures her peers' voices are heard. She regularly checks in with her cohort and brings forward key issues, helping to drive meaningful improvements to the student experience. Beyond this, she fosters a strong sense of community, creating an inclusive and supportive environment where students feel

connected, valued, and confident to speak up.



KEYU SHI

Class Representative: James Watt School of Engineering

Areas of Excellence: Impactful Representation

Keyu is a dedicated and effective student representative who turns feedback into meaningful action. She creates space for open dialogue and works tirelessly to ensure student concerns are heard and addressed constructively. Through initiatives such as sustainability projects and events, she has made a tangible impact on her cohort's experience, demonstrating strong leadership and a commitment to positive change.

HIGHLY INNOVATIVE TEACHING

- Shows passion and excitement for their teaching
- Inspires students to want to learn more differently
- Uses innovative teaching techniques with their students

Presented by Eoghan Morris – VP Student Activities



DR ALESSIO AZZUTTI

School: Law

Areas of Excellence: Innovative Teaching

Dr Azzutti brings a forward-thinking and student-centred approach to teaching, integrating emerging technologies to enhance learning in meaningful ways. His use of AI-assisted methods is both thoughtful and effective, encouraging curiosity and critical engagement. By actively responding to student needs and shaping sessions around their understanding, he creates a collaborative learning environment that is dynamic, inclusive, and impactful.



DR VLADIMIR MALTSEV

School: Adam Smith Business School

Areas of Excellence: Dynamic Learning

Dr Maltsev delivers engaging and innovative teaching that brings complex ideas to life. Through interactive methods, real-world connections, and creative approaches, he encourages active participation and critical thinking. His sessions challenge students to explore new perspectives and question assumptions, creating a learning environment that is both stimulating and memorable.



DR SEAN MCGINTY

School: James Watt School of Engineering

Areas of Excellence: Engaging Delivery

Dr McGinty creates an energetic and approachable learning environment where students feel comfortable, motivated, and engaged. His use of humour and creative teaching methods helps make complex topics accessible, while initiatives such as competitions encourage deeper understanding. By combining clarity with enthusiasm, he inspires students to actively participate and take confidence in their learning.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO TEACHING

- Goes further than expected to inspire students
 - Provides excellent support for students
- Encourages students in their subject beyond the classroom

Presented by Ayush Garg – VP Education

DR ALEX ANTONIOU

School: Humanities

Areas of Excellence: Student-Centred Teaching

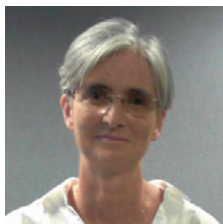


Dr Antoniou delivers intellectually engaging teaching that brings his subject vividly to life. Through creative approaches and memorable resources, he inspires curiosity and a genuine love of learning. His attentive, student-centred approach ensures individuals feel supported and challenged, while his commitment to accessibility and inclusive practice creates a learning environment where all students can thrive.

MRS FIONNUALA JOHNSON

School: Computer Science

Areas of Excellence: Exceptional Dedication



Fionnuala demonstrates outstanding commitment to her students, delivering clear, engaging teaching while balancing the demands of her own research. She makes complex concepts accessible and supports students well beyond the classroom, adapting her approach to meet individual needs. Her patience, generosity, and instinct to help create a supportive learning environment where students feel confident, included, and able to succeed.



DR LINNEA SOLER

School: Chemistry

Areas of Excellence: Engaging Enthusiasm

Dr Soler delivers lively and engaging teaching that makes even the most challenging material accessible and enjoyable. Her energy and creativity keep students motivated, while her careful preparation and additional resources provide strong academic support. Approachable and encouraging, she creates a positive learning environment where students feel confident to ask questions and fully engage with their studies.



AWARD CATEGORIES

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