Dear Society,

Welcome to the tenth annual Society Awards! With **over £5,000** to give away, we’re so excited about this opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication of societies.

There are ten awards available that will be awarded to societies that have demonstrated excellence over the past year. Awards are **self-nominated**. There will be one winner and one-runner up for each award. Three finalists for each award will be invited to the Society Awards Ceremony on 23rd April, 2020.

The following pages outline the eligibility, criteria and award amount for each award.

**All societies are encouraged to apply. Applications take five to ten minutes of your time and can earn your society up to £1,000.**

We’re so excited about Society Awards this year and can’t wait to see your application.

Good luck to everyone!

- The Societies Committee

**P.S. The deadline for applications is Midnight on Friday the 3rd of April, 2020.**
Awards’ Eligibility, Criteria and Prizes:

**Best Society**

Prizes (Winner/Runner-up): £1000 / £500

Eligibility: All Societies are eligible for this award.

Criteria:
- Provides substantial benefits to members and the University community as a whole
- Contributes to student engagement in worthwhile endeavours
- Substantially enhances student experience
- Excellence in event management
- Excellence in society administration and financial practices

**Best Event**

Prizes (Winner/Runner-up): £600 / £300

Eligibility: All Societies are eligible for this award. Event must be risk-assessed. Joint-society events can apply for this award separately.

Criteria:
- Demonstrates substantial ambition in scale or scope of undertaking
- Was significantly well attended
- Substantially enhanced student experience
- Demonstrates excellence in event management and financial practices

Notes:
- Joint-society events do not count towards application limit

**Best Contribution to Student Life**

Prizes (Winner/Runner-up): £300 / £150

Eligibility: All Societies are eligible for this award.
Criteria:
- Provides substantial benefits to the Student Experience
- Engages members of the student body from a diverse range of backgrounds

**Best Town and Gown Society**

Prizes (Winner/Runner-up): £300 / £150

Eligibility: All Societies are eligible for this award.

Criteria:
- Provides substantial benefit to the town
- Encourages positive relationships between students and residents of the town
- Benefits to the University's reputation within the town

**Best Charitable and Volunteering Society**

Prizes (Winner/Runner-up): £300 / £150

Eligibility: All Societies are eligible for this award.

Criteria:
- Demonstrate excellence in fundraising, volunteering or raising awareness
- Engage members in charitable fundraising and advocacy
- Engage the wider student body in advocacy endeavours

**Best New Society**

Prizes (Winner/Runner-up): £300 / £150

Eligibility: All Societies who affiliated for the first time after 1st January 2019.

Criteria:
- Provide substantial benefits to members and the University community as a whole
- Contribute to student engagement in worthwhile endeavours
- Substantially enhance student experience
- Demonstrate excellence in event management
• Demonstrate excellence in society administration and financial practices

**Most Innovative Society**

Prizes (Winner/Runner-up): £300 / £150

Eligibility: All Societies are eligible for this award.

Criteria:
• Has undertaken creative new practices that have not been attempted in previous years by the society
• Has held events not attempted by other societies
• Substantially enhance student experience through unique events

**Most Collaborative Society**

Prizes (Winner/Runner-up): £300 / £150

Eligibility: All Societies are eligible for this award.

Criteria:
• Has collaborated with multiple societies through one event, one society through multiple events, or both
• Has made significant efforts in promoting collaboration between societies
• Has held innovative events between societies of different categories

**AKOB Award for Consistent Excellence**

Prizes (Winner/Runner-up): £300 / £150

Eligibility: All Societies are eligible for this award.

Criteria:
• Excellence in event management
• Notable frequency in its regular events.
• Consistent high quality in its regular events
**CAPOD Award**

Prizes (Winner/Runner-up): £200 / £100

Eligibility: All Societies are eligible for this award. Each committee member must have completed at least one PSC workshop in the 2019/20 academic year (verified through gaining a PSC stamp).

Criteria:
- A moderate amount of engagement (PSC stamps) shown by the committee
- Evidence of the impact of the engagement on the society. For example, have new behaviours or processes been implemented? Has there been an impact on the way the committee operate? Has there been a wider impact on the members of the society? How has the committee encouraged members to develop their own professional skills?

Notes:
- CAPOD Award no longer counts into the application limit.

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**Please submit applications by 11:59pm 3rd April.**

Responses will be sent out on 9th April. Successful applicants will be scheduled for an interview on 13th or 14th April. Three finalists for each award will be invited to the Society Awards Ceremony on 23rd April.