



EMPLOYMENT AWARDS 2026



Introduction

The University of Exeter Employment Awards celebrate the achievements of students who are employed alongside their studies, and recent graduates undertaking full-time work in the local business community. The awards provide formal recognition of the hard work, commitment and time management skills required to attain academic success and take active steps towards enhancing employability skills and preparing for a future career.

The awards also celebrate the employers who are supporting students and graduates during the early stages of their careers, recognising the invaluable opportunities for growth and development they provide.



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INTRODUCING OUR SPONSORS

We are delighted to have the support of local and national organisations including five returning sponsors for 2026. Our award partners have supported the growth of the awards since they were reimagined in 2023 which means more students, graduates, and employers are being recognised.



RUNNING ORDER



2:30pm: Ceremony Commences

2:45pm Onwards: Award Winners Announced

Student & Graduate Awards

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Business Impact
- Community
- Best International Intern
- Best Team
- Overall Student & Graduate Winners

Employer Awards

- Best Internal Employer
- Best External Employer

4-6pm: Celebrations in the Forum Street

After the ceremony, all guests can proceed to the Forum Street for a complementary drink, buffet, professional photos and a chance to continue celebrating. We hope you will join us to celebrate your achievements!

CATEGORY NOMINATIONS



Congratulations to everyone who has received a nomination in the 2026 awards.





Leadership Nominees

Amani Gardner

Amelie Ward

Charlie Morris

Charlotte Snell

Dr Pankhuri Singh

Harry Coleman-Goriah

Lakshita Bhagtani

Lyndsey Carmichael

Martin Tobar Prado

Millie Woodgate

Molly Hughes

Zack Islam

Innovation Nominees

Anthea Kyaw Thein

Anya Morris

Ella Marston

Floyd Peach

Heather Burton

Holly Sampson

Jatin Kallamundkurl

Jessica Clark-Allan

Jonathan Wilkinson

Marina Charman

Nitzan Lahav

Deepika Rathee

Ruby-Jean Williams

Sophie Ewin

Tizzy Deslandes

Valentina Knowlman



Business Impact Nominees

Alfie Kottler

Anastasia Kravtsova

Anh-Tuan Nguyen

Ayan Ali Khan

Ben Woodhead

Daisy Saunders

Dulustan Popov

Dylan Brown

Ebony Jonathan

Elena Ingram Medina

Ella Kelynack

Emilia Miarkowska

Emily Beers

Community Nominees

Afnan Towheed

Alina Hamova

Amrutha Dileep

Becky Rowe

Caterina Gibbs

Charlotte Bowman

Deborah Phan Huy

Deepika Rathee

Ebony Jonathan

Gabriel Wynne

Genevieve Bailey

Lika Gvasalia

Maisie Williams

Martin Tobar Prado

Molly Brown

Niamh Devlin

Sara Agbenro

Sophie Postans

Stella Taylor

Tamanna Aggarwal

Tess Hanson

Teya Cankurt

Utkarsh Chaudhary

Varsha Balakrishnan



Best Team Nominees

Archaeology Lab Technician Interns

Career Zone Engagement Assistants (Penryn)

Career Zone Engagement Assistants (Streatham)

Digital Humanities Lab Interns

Digital Hub Ambassadors

Future Leaders & Innovators

HASS Success for All Interns

Imperial Institute Team (Special Collections)

Law Placement Assistants

Penryn Digital Hub Student Ambassadors

School of Education PTA team

Student Startups Change Agents

Sustainable Education Interns

WIE/WYA Employability Ambassadors



Best International Intern Nominees

Aditi Manuwal	Rishat Nurullin
Aishi Dasgupta	Sana Gupta
Ali Abd Allatef	Shreya De
Blessing Jolayemi	Verity Jones
Gia Yu	Viet Thanh Le

Nominees Shortlisted for Overall Student & Graduate Winner

Student Nominees

Anya Morris
Ben Woodhead
Blessing Jolayemi
Ella Kelynack
Genevieve Bailey
Gia Yu
Nitzan Lahav
Valentina Knowlman

Graduate Nominees

Aditi Manuwal
Floyd Peach
Harry Coleman-Goriah
Heather Burton
Dr Pankhuri Singh
Sara Agbenro
Sophie Ewin
Utkarsh Chaudhary
Zack Islam

Employer Nominations



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Best Internal (UoE) Employer Nominees

Alice Farris

Julie Taylor

Delane Hammil

Karin Venema

Dr Peter O'Rourke

Kayleigh Sandercock

Elise Cotter

Louise Vennells

Georgie Wood

Nick Havergal

Hannah Pritchard

Nick Kirsop-Taylor

Jennie Fox

Oliver Laity

Jess Evans

Phil McBride

Jingchao Jiang

Sharron Curtis

Best External Employer Nominees

Alex Kelly -
Waymakers

Ben Darby -
Darby & Darby Solicitors - Ordli

Alex Taylor -
Hardest Adventures

Ben Holt -
The Rock Pool Project

Anna Cohn Orchard -
Exeter UNESCO City of
Literature

Celeste Giani & Sophie Kerlin -
The Walt Disney Company

Anthony Raine -
RES Environmental

Employer Nominations



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Best External Employer Nominees continued...

Harry Fishwick & Sally Clements
Space Youth Services

Rob Perry -
CRM Champion

Kate Pickering -
Edvoy

Rosey Oakes -
The Mare and Foal Sanctuary

Marie Wells -
Age UK Exeter

Sally Curtis -
Coldharbour Mill

Oliver Cressall -
Venturenomix

Tia Collard -
fiftyminds

Quinn Leatherbarrow-Stokes -
QWERTY Beer Box

Wendy Dearden -
The Bevan Foundation





About the Award Trophies



Laura Kriefman

As an internationally exhibiting Stained Glass Artist, Laura combines exceptional technical delivery with a contemporary visual style that combines her love of colour and movement into the flow and precision of leaded stained glass work. From Geometric Architectural pieces and glass painting, to nudes in rare mouth blown glass - her glass work is playful, colourful and vivid.



Her work has been featured in Green Hill Arts Biennale, Devon Life Magazine and selected for the International Biennale of Glass, Bulgaria 2025.

You can contact Laura for commissions, restorations and courses at <https://laurakriefman.com/>

Learn more about the internship schemes available at the University that support employers and students

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[Student Business Partnership](#)

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Congratulations to all the winners and nominees!

