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Welcome from your VP Education

Hello and welcome to our JMSU Student Experience Awards 2025!

Thank you all for coming to honour the amazing achievements that both students and staff have accomplished over the past academic year. We've had an astounding number of nominations this year, which has made choosing the winners extremely difficult - but this just goes to show how much there is to celebrate. Everyone here should be incredibly proud of the work they've done over the past year.

After nearly five years of being part of LJMU, I've been on such an amazing journey—from undergraduate student to Student Officer—and next year, I'll be continuing that journey into a sixth year as a postgraduate student. It's been an absolute privilege to work alongside such incredible individuals throughout this past year—from university staff across the many academic boards and committees to all the hardworking student leaders and reps I've had the pleasure of chatting with. And of course,

I can't forget the amazing staff here at JMSU, who play such a vital role in the student experience and have made this past year as an officer truly unforgettable.

I want to thank all of you for being part of this journey. I'm genuinely grateful for the experiences and opportunities this role has given me. I've grown so much over the past year, and it's all thanks to you.

Next year, you'll be in safe hands as Erin Gerard takes the reins as your VP Education for 2025/26, with some really exciting manifesto points to look forward to.

Although I won't be here in an officer role next year, I'll still be around as a student—so if you see me, feel free to say hi!

Have a gorgeous evening :]

Seren Hutchinson



Outstanding Course Team

English Literature

“They are all fantastic researchers and lecturers, and deeply care about their students, and want us all to succeed. The quality of assignment feedback is outstanding, their understanding when it comes to needing extensions has been a weight off my shoulders, and their genuine interest in my academic career has been incredibly moving. They provide excellent one-on-one support, engage well with students during seminars, and their lectures are high quality. Modules have been engaging and varied. They are a credit to the university.”

Professional Development Module

“This team of incredibly helpful and supportive women have produced a really important module that I believe should be implemented into most degrees, especially in your 3rd year too. They have taught brilliantly, introduced us to the importance of networking, and have been mentors to me without even realising it; both academically and personally. I could not fault their teachings and the support they have provided throughout this module. They 100% deserve recognition!”

Musical Theatre Practice

“This course team have been incredibly supportive and helpful throughout my time here. They provide great feedback that helps me improve both as a performer and as an academic, and they always take the time to ensure I understand how to grow in both areas. The team is also very friendly and approachable, creating a welcoming environment where I feel comfortable asking for help. They regularly go out of their way to support us, ensuring we have all the resources and opportunities we need to succeed. Their dedication to our success truly sets them apart.”

Outstanding Teaching Support Officer

Gemma Farrington

"She is by far the best demonstrator I have ever worked with; she is highly committed to the sessions, prepares the materials in advance showing great understanding and knowledge of the activities, even if they are outside of her expertise or she's not done them before.

During the sessions, she works tirelessly supporting students, supervising them, providing guidance, with great autonomy and independence - I couldn't go through some of the sessions without the level of input she provides."

Gabriel Reavey

"Gabriel is quite possibly the most knowledgeable demonstrator that our course has ever had. He is so supportive in practicals and knows every single one of us on a personal level, learning our names by the second time he meets us and getting involved with the student society. He is truly a good friend and has helped me so much throughout my time as university."

Jasmine Boyer

"Jasmine's commitment to facilitating student learning is evident in the way she engages with students during practical sessions - she consistently goes above and beyond in offering her support, creating an inclusive and positive learning environment for all students.

In addition to her formal teaching support, Jasmine has also gone out of her way to aid Level 6 students struggling with statistics, data analysis, and experimental design. She has provided valuable guidance to these students, ensuring they feel supported and capable in their coursework."

Outstanding Postgraduate Researcher

Zoe Bell

"Zoe is an exemplary PGR - intelligent, intuitive and independent. Zoe has published from her PhD, won multiple internal awards, and is on track to submit and viva within her three years of funding.

Zoe has established external collaborations to support the translation of research into practice and has an NIHR career development grant application under review to continue her research post-PhD.

She is adept at teaching to large and small student groups and is capable of being a future leader in HE."

Caighley Logan

"Caighley has presented her research at many international conferences, building a reputation for herself as a leader in the field.

She has taken on lots of demonstrating this year and has become a crucial member of the team. Within the PGR community she has offered other students' advice and support, helping them to navigate tricky situations and guiding them along the tough journey that is the life of a PGR.

Caighley, is the epitome of an LJMU PGR, she has engaged with the community and even as a PGR she teaches with students at the heart, working to never leave anyone behind."

Libby Robinson

"I have had the privilege of witnessing her exceptional dedication, compassion, and innovation as both a researcher and a valued member of the LJMU community.

A standout outcome of her work is the co-design and development of LJMU's first-ever sensory room - a pioneering achievement not only for LJMU but within the UK Higher Education sector. The space directly addresses an identified gap in wellbeing support for neurodivergent students and has sparked institutional dialogue about inclusive practice, accessibility, and mental health."

Outstanding Course Rep

Cole Hallsworth

“Cole has shown exceptional commitment, leadership, and advocacy on behalf of their peers. He has shown unwavering dedication to helping us enhance the student experience and foster a supportive academic environment. This dedication has made Cole a pillar of our programme community.

Cole has consistently demonstrated outstanding communication skills, ensuring that student concerns and feedback are effectively and promptly conveyed to programme leaders and module staff.

Cole actively engages with his peers, providing a reliable and approachable point of contact for any programme-related issues. Through his efforts, Cole has successfully facilitated meaningful dialogue between students and staff, leading to tangible improvements in course delivery, assessment structures, and student support systems.”

Isabella Hoyle

“Izzy has been both helpful for the course and helpful for me personally. If I have ever had any questions I turn to Izzy for answers. She is always a friendly face for me and every time I enter a room, she greets me with a smile and creates conversation. I see her doing this to others in class too.

Izzy is a very hands-on rep- she asks questions regarding our experiences and asks us for feedback so we can get the best out of our university experiences. She keeps us all in the loop of what is being discussed higher up and makes us feel involved. Izzy has been a fabulous student rep overall!”

Saya Majid

“Saya is a very active Course and School Representative and engages well in training and insight sessions. She always comes up with new and exciting ideas of how to engage the fellow school & course reps and always has plenty of feedback to share with the SU from her fellow peers.

Saya is a smiley and bubbly individual, presents herself very eloquently, and is very deserving of this award.”

John Wylie

“He has been a reliable and committed voice for our cohort—always making the effort to attend meetings, actively listen, and ensure that both positive and constructive feedback was communicated clearly between students and staff. His professionalism and balanced approach have helped foster a strong sense of trust and transparency within the course.

John’s ongoing presence and support have made a real difference. Whether it was raising concerns, championing student ideas, or simply being there when someone needed help, he approached every responsibility with care and commitment. Thanks to his efforts, our voices were not only heard but genuinely valued. His impact has been felt across the entire cohort, and we are incredibly grateful for the consistency, encouragement, and leadership he has shown over the years.”

Srinidhiy Chittibabu Anitha

“Srinidhiy’s leadership skills are amazing. She knows how to rally people together and encourage us to get involved. Her clear communication and ability to keep everything organized make her the kind of leader that others look up to and respect. She truly makes a difference in our academic lives, and we can always rely on her to get things done.

She’s always working to improve the experience for all of us. She doesn’t just take on complaints — she turns them into actionable solutions.”



Outstanding Student Leader

Marie Coombs

"Marie's leadership skills are strong, ensuring students' safety, raising awareness and student support.

She hosted a "L6 Module Choices" event where she and other current/former L6 students shared their experience with other lower-level students in aid of helping them learn more about what each module in L6 offers, and was also part of hosting the 'International Women's Day' Event at Byrom Street, in celebration of Women in STEM. She's a very inspiring woman!"

Jorja Hill

"I have had so many helpful and meaningful conversations with Jorja and been able to ask her questions and get involved with opportunities I wouldn't have had the chance to experience otherwise.

She has made connections to local archaeological groups and the study sessions she organises are extremely helpful - she always encourages us to do things to better our development.

She's also amazingly supportive in helping shape us into better forensic anthropology students."

Ryan Middleton

"Ryan is deserving of this award because he has worked incredibly hard being production manager for the Uproar Festival. He has worked closely with all aspects of the festival and tutors to make sure everything runs smoothly and has always been helpful when it comes to problems or answering any queries.

He has been a powerhouse throughout this time of the festival and even though he has lots of work to do, he always has a smile on his face and has remained positive! That is why I believe Ryan deserves this award."

Outstanding Personal Tutor

Laura Samaroo

"Laura has been an exceptional personal tutor and I truly believe she deserves recognition for her amazing support and dedication. She has gone above and beyond in guiding me through the challenges of university life - offering both practical advice and heartfelt encouragement.

Thanks to Laura, I have felt supported and empowered to navigate university life and prepare for the future. Her impact has been profound, and I couldn't have asked for a better personal tutor."

Sally Williamson

"I believe Sally is so deserving of this award for all the help and support she has given - not only academically, but with matters outside of university.

As someone who is neurodiverse, having a personal tutor that takes the time to listen, understand and reassure when needed has really helped me settle into university while being out of my comfort zone. When a difficult situation happened last year, Sally was there to help and support me - she handled my situation with such calmness and I owe so much to her."

Alexandra Seddon

"Alex has been there every step of the way - had I ever needed to meet with her or ask for advice over email, she has gone above and beyond and has always been very accommodating in times of struggle.

My time at university has been rocky at best, and this past academic year has been the most challenging and isolating experience I've been through - at times I've wanted to quit despite how far I've come, but at no point have I ever felt like I was unable to complete my dissertation thanks to the guidance of Alex. I really feel like I've been able to produce my best work and become more independent with Alex as my tutor."

Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience

To be announced on the night.

Outstanding Contribution to Diversity & Inclusion

Dorota Kobylarz

“Dorota has made members of all genders and ethnicities feel supported and seen through helping to plan events like self-defence classes, International Women’s Month, World Hijab Day, and campaigning for women of colour during Black History Month.

With her open-minded nature and her strong sense for justice, her hard work keeps equity, inclusion and diversity at its core.”

Nadellyne Deandra Putri

“Nadellyne is truly a remarkable person, whose kindness and empathy seem limitless. She has an incredible ability to make everyone around her feel seen and valued.

When she learned that her friends were feeling homesick, she stayed up all night researching and cooking traditional meals from their home countries, and she consistently checks up on the people around her, making sure everyone is not only doing well, but thriving. She has an innate ability to make sure no one is left out, always ensuring that everyone feels included in plans and activities.”

Daniel Watts

“Daniel deserves the equality and diversity award because he actively advocates for underrepresented voices and fosters an environment where diversity is celebrated, making a positive impact on our community. His efforts to educate others about different cultures and perspectives demonstrate his commitment to promoting understanding and acceptance among all individuals.”

Outstanding Professional Services Star

Abbie Billington

“Abbie is the perfect representation of the university’s values and ethos. Nothing is ever too much for her, and she always goes above and beyond to help our students. Her caring and understanding nature really shines when it comes to supporting students and staff alike.

Her guidance and support are fundamental to the smooth running of our SAW drop in. Occasionally students may arrive upset or distressed and Abbie will always comfort them and direct them to us in a friendly and sympathetic manner. This goes a long way in ensuring students feel valued and safe within the university environment.”

Mark Saunders

“Mark has gone above and beyond to help advise me about my future and really shows he takes pride in what he does while being humble. He is down to earth and friendly, and there are times I’ve seen him, particularly in this academic year, where talking to him has been more relieving than seeing a counsellor because he conducts himself in a very approachable manner and will often give his honest opinion if it serves to benefit what you get out of meeting him.”

Geoffrey Henshaw

“I have been going through a lot of personal struggles, and dreaded coming into the labs, but every time I asked Geoffrey for help with anything or any questions, I was able to not hold that anxiety as much. He showed a lot of empathy towards my sleeping condition, more than most, and made sure that I knew it was okay to come in a bit later in the day, when others never really did. Those small gestures of kindness made everything just that little bit easier.”

Outstanding Professional Services Team

Library Services

“The staff at Library Services have been some of the most amazing members of university staff I’ve ever had the pleasure of interacting with. Their passion for books and reading is so moving, and the events they put on (including the recent Carnegie Winners Talk and Poetry Slam events) have been wonderful and joyous to attend. I can’t sing their praises enough.”

Placement Support Team

“I’m nominating the placement support team because of the real and lasting impact they’ve had on students this year. Their work often happens behind the scenes, but it directly shapes how students experience their time here.

They care about students—about their confidence, their prospects, and how they see themselves.

They check in on students who were at risk of disengaging—stepping in with care and patience, helping students feel seen, heard, and supported at crucial points in their journey.”

Data Protection Team

“The Data Protection team has made significant contributions to improve privacy education for students at LJMU.

Over the last two years, the team has worked collaboratively with many students to support them on internships and to develop student focused privacy and security awareness and training. They provide support during the student journey outside of the teaching environment, going above their day jobs.

They actively strive to make positive changes and ensure students understand how privacy and security relates to them and why it’s important.”

Outstanding Teacher

Onur Dursun

“Onur has an abundance of technical knowledge, balanced by amazing soft skills. His lectures have been very high quality; he engages with his students and provides amazing assistance when needed. Onur has inspired me to pursue avenues I hadn’t considered, and he has provided me with opportunities I am so grateful for.

I believe Onur deserves the Outstanding Teacher Award because of the incredible impact he’s had through giving us experiences like the Global Immersion Programme.”

Graeme Mitchell

“People always say, there will be one teacher you remember for your entire life, to me that person is Graeme.

He works incredibly hard to ensure that everyone in class has a clear understanding of any module he teaches. He doesn’t just stand in front of us and talk at us. Instead, he will give us a story or experience that he has been through which aids us in understanding.

He understands that each student learns differently and cares about the well-being of his students.”

Percy Leung

“Percy demonstrates selflessness and commitment to his students in all aspects of his teaching. He shows his dedication to his students and our education every day by always being present and passionate in his teaching.

His dedication to teach and guide us is clear and nothing we ask is ever too much for him. He always makes learning fun, engaging and interactive - it never feels like a chore going to class, but rather a privilege as you never know what to expect.

He never fails to make me laugh and smile in class, creating an atmosphere that is great to work in, and I always look forward to attending his lectures and seminars.”

Student Choice Award

Connor Mullan

“I’ve only known Connor for roughly a year now and this man has genuinely changed my life for the better, he is not only talented, but he is also the most caring and supportive person I’ve come across in university.

When things go wrong he is here to help put the pieces back together and is always willing to help out until you feel better, he also is so amazing and understanding when it comes down to mental health and he always says the right things and would structure out a plan to help you move forward from the issue (even at 6am). He is the most compassionate person in LJMU and this is the type of recognition he deserves if nominated!”

Vivien Hart

“Simply put, I would not be where I am today without her. During one of the most difficult periods of my life—mentally, financially, and physically—she was the person who stood by me when I felt like giving up. Without her unwavering support, I would have dropped out. But she didn’t just help me survive—she gave me the tools to build a future.”

Rosemary Capper

“Rosemary helped me through some real challenges. She listened when things were difficult, offered practical guidance, and made space for honest conversations. She didn’t just offer encouragement — she shared real advice and helped me find ways forward that I hadn’t considered.

She also connected me to new opportunities and actively encouraged my involvement beyond the classroom.”

VP Education Award

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