

NAMSS Awards & Criteria 2024/2025

We are delighted to announce the launch of our annual awards, aimed at celebrating and showcasing the hard work, dedication and impact of student services across the further education and skills sector in the UK.

Categories

- Student Services Team of the Year
- Newcomer of the Year
- Inspirational Project of the Year

Nominations

All nominations must be submitted electronically and received *no later than 12noon on Wednesday 29 January 2025*.

Submissions must be received using the published electronic application form - <https://bit.ly/namssawards25>

A maximum of 3 sides of A4 supporting evidence can also be submitted via email to info@namss.ac.uk. This may include testimonials, reviews, outcome statistics, pictures, articles or images taken from websites, newspapers, newsletters etc. Links to websites, videos or other digital content will not be considered as part of the submission.

Submissions must include the details of a **single** representative in relation to the Team nomination. If that representative cannot attend the NAMSS Conference Gala Dinner to collect the award an alternative colleague can do so.

Deadline

The final deadline for all nominations and supporting evidence to be received is **Wednesday 29 January 2025 at 12noon**.

Entry Criteria

Any organisation who is a member of NAMSS is eligible to nominate and enter the awards. Only one nomination per category will be accepted per organisation. Where multiple nominations are received, the first nomination received will be used for judging in the relevant category.

Timeline

July 2024	Awards launch and nominations open
29 January 2025	Closing date for entries, 12noon
February 2025	Shortlisting and final judging panels. Shortlisted members to be notified no later than 14 February 2025
10 March 2025	Awards announced during the NAMSS Conference Gala Dinner at the Liverpool Hilton City Centre

Judging

Judging panels will be made up of members of the NAMSS Executive team with each nomination being scored against the award criteria.

Award Prizes

There will be one winner per category who will be presented with a certificate and award for display in their college along with £500 to spend on a team activity or departmental resource.

Award Criteria

Award 1: Student Services Team of the Year

This award aims to highlight the outstanding and valuable work of a student services team. The team can be from any student support discipline including careers, wellbeing, student funds, student union / engagement, enrichment.

Your award submission should;

- Highlight tangible outputs and sustained impact of your chosen team
- Promote diversity and inclusion
- Outline the impact of the team on students and the wider college community

Award 2: Newcomer of the Year

This award will celebrate an extraordinary individual who is new to a student services team. The nominee should have joined the team since 1 September 2023.

Your award submission should;

- Outline why the nominee is a worthy recipient of this award - what have they done and what impact has this had?
- Include feedback from students and/or staff which supports the rationale for the nomination
- Demonstrate how the nominee's work or actions has gone above and beyond to add value to the team and the wider college community

Award 3: Inspirational Project of the Year

This award recognises the impact of an innovative project which has made a significant difference to the student, team or college experience and/or outputs.

Your award submission should;

- Exemplify an idea or initiative which have positively impacted the experience of students and/or staff
- Demonstrate how the project has impacted vulnerable and disadvantaged students (this may include widening participation)
- Foster a culture of collaboration and innovation
- Have robust impact measures which demonstrate sustained impact
- Outline quality assurance measures and, where applicable, any plans for future sustainability of the project

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