



## The College of Business Dean's Award



College of Business

## 1. Introduction

Following a successful pilot of the Dean's Award in 2014/2015 for the College of Law, Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Business will now be awarding the Dean's Award to students within all of their college programmes from 2015/16 onwards.

The Dean's Award is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the academic achievement and excellence of our students during each year of their programme, prior to their final year. The award provides motivation throughout their degree, as well as greatly adding to an individual's CV for future employability or further educational ventures.

The Award is intended to recognise the top 10% of students in each year for each programme within the College subject to set criteria. Eligible students will be identified and notified after 31 July following the completion of all assessment boards.

Students that successfully meet the criteria for the award will receive an invite to attend the Dean's Awards Reception, a certificate of recognition and their name will be placed on the University website and the 'Dean's Wall'.

## 2. Awards Criteria

The Dean's Award does not arise in respect of final year students, since those students are being awarded the full University qualification, but does recognise and reward student's academic achievement in the individual years of a programme. The College Executive has decided that the top 10% rule will be adopted with the additional following criteria:

### In Year One:

Top 10% of students in each programme year based on average grade **AND** with an aggregate mark of 60% or above **AND** to have been awarded a mark in the 2:1 range (or above) in 5 or more individual modules.

It is proposed that while the above criteria are appropriate for year one students, stricter criteria are set for year two student (and year three if a four year programme),

### Year Two (and Three)

Top 10% of students in the programme year based on average grade **AND** with an aggregate mark of 65% or above **AND** to have been awarded a mark in the 2:1 range (or above) in 5 or more modules.

The 65% cut off mark has been applied to encourage better student performance and ensure that the academic integrity of the award is maintained.

Finally, in addition to the above;

Eligibility will be calculated on a purely mathematical basis as set out above and there are no appeals to the decision of the Dean with regard to any wider factors other than:

- Students must pass every element of assessment at first attempt during the year. Where an assessment is deferred as a first sit, for example because of an EEC, the deferred marks are taken into account.
- No student will be eligible for the Dean's Award if they have been found to be engaged in any form of academic offence at any point on the course or proven disciplinary.

- Any student whose recorded attendance falls below levels deemed acceptable (i.e. W14 issued), will be excluded from the year's Dean's Award.

Students can achieve the Dean's Award for each individual year of study prior to their final year. Where students have deferred assessments, they may be considered for the Dean's Award following completion of these assessments provided that the student has achieved a mark that places them in the top 10% of the year, in which the assessments would otherwise have been sat and meet the additional agreed criteria. This award does not displace students who have earlier been awarded the Dean's Award, but would now fall outside the 10% category.

### **3. The Dean's Award**

There is no financial reward for a student included on the Dean's Award. It is reputational in nature and purely recognises academic achievement.

However, all students named on the award will:

1. Receive a University Certificate which they may use to support their curriculum vitae's and other forms of job application.
2. Be named on the University website and the 'Dean's Wall'
3. Be invited to a Dean's Award (with up to two guests) which will take place at the beginning of the next academic year following the award.

### **4. Process to award students**

Successful students will be identified after 31<sup>st</sup> July following the completion of all assessment boards. Students will be notified individually if they have met the Dean's Award criteria.