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Awards 2018  
Categories**

**Nominate your institution today in one (or more!) of eight categories:**

- International Student Experience
- Technology for Learning
- Exporting Education
- Student Collaborations
- Industry Partnerships
- Inspiring Alumni
- Support for the Student Learning Experience
- Course Innovation in Design or Delivery

Using the attached [application form](#), email your submission to [events@independenthe.com](mailto:events@independenthe.com) by Sunday 4 November 2018.

**Best International Student Experience**

Recruiting, educating and supporting international students comes with a unique set of demands. This award recognises a provider who:

- Provides excellent pastoral and academic support attuned to the specific needs of international students
- Facilitates the student experience from application through to course completion including integrated support for application and visas
- Creates innovative internationalisation programmes, working to support cultural exchange between international and local students and/or communities
- Builds an international reputation for educational excellence for both their institution and the UK

**Technology for Learning**

This generation of learners are more digitally aware than ever before. The changing context of higher education means that not only do providers need to lead with innovative digital learning methods, but they also need to use innovations in data and learner analytics to ensure their teaching is meeting the changing needs of students. This award recognises a provider who has:

- Delivered impactful learning through innovative digital delivery methods or used technology to enhance the learning experience
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching digital skills which are relevant to their specialism or courses
- Created a supportive environment for staff and students to enhance their own digital skills
- Used learner data to support student success

**Exporting Education UK**

This award will recognise an independent higher education provider who has shown innovation and commitment to delivering, partnering or collaborating in the international market. The winner of this award will:

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- Have established an international partnership or collaboration to share their expertise and innovative curriculum design
- Achieved success in delivering programmes: professional, vocational, technical or degree-level, in an overseas market (including online or blended delivery)
- Demonstrated excellence in exporting UK education to an international market

## **Excellence in Student Collaborations**

Partnership and collaboration amongst students and staff can enhance a students' sense of belonging and support student retention and success. The winner of this award will:

- Create meaningful and innovative partnerships, projects and collaborations between students and staff to make a positive impact on the student learning experience
- Foster a partnership with students in creating their own collaborations, student activities and student representation models
- Empower students to shape their own learning experience through pioneering models of staff-student engagement
- Recognise and address barriers for different groups of students to participate in student collaboration

## **Industry Partnership**

Many independent higher education providers share strong partnerships with their industries, facilitating industry standards and providing life-long learning opportunities. This award recognises:

- Providers who are taking innovative approaches to building and maintaining industry partnerships
- Strong programmes for integrating industry practitioners in learning and teaching and course design
- Support for returning learners through flexible industry-focused provision
- Excellence in student graduate outcomes related to industry

## **Inspiring Alumni**

This award will recognise a graduate from an independent higher education provider who has made an outstanding positive impact in their personal and professional lives and demonstrates extraordinary potential for the future. This award recognises:

- Alumni who have demonstrated outstanding personal achievements or overcome obstacles or hardships during or after study
- Alumni who are leaders in their fields or making positive impact on society while inspiring others
- Young Alumni who have demonstrated early career or community service achievements and are an inspiring role model for students and young graduates; or
- Alumni who have supported other students at their institution or have made an exemplary contribution to the student community or institution

## **Outstanding Support for the Student Learning Experience**

Staff across our institutions work to support every student as an individual and enhance their learning experience. They offer support specific to a student's academic, pastoral or career needs, and strive to create a learning environment where every student can find success. The winner of this award will:

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- Demonstrate innovative approaches to enhancing and transforming the student learning experience
- Provide excellent institution-wide support for staff and students to support the student learning experience
- Enhance inclusive teaching, learning and assessment
- Demonstrate positive impact on the student experience for specific groups of learners (eg students from widening participation backgrounds, international students, students with disabilities and other protected characteristics)

**Breakthrough Course: Innovation in Design or Delivery**

Independent providers are known for doing things differently, providing an alternative to a more traditional degree course. To celebrate this diversity this award will recognise providers who transform the learning experience through innovative course design and delivery. The winner of this award will:

- Use innovative technology, pedagogy or practice to provide a unique and impactful student learning experience
- Engage different knowledge and skills from across and outside the education sector in course design and delivery
- Engage students in creating innovative course design or delivery
- Using course design or delivery, achieve student success above and beyond what is expected

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