

Student Money Advice Awards 2019

The six NASMA Award categories for 2019 are:

- Student Money Adviser of the Year
- Fund/Bursary Administrator of the Year
- Best Partnership
- Innovative Activity
- Financial Capability Engagement
- Region of the Year

The awards are open to all advisers and fund administrators registered as a 2018-19 NASMA member, working to support further and higher education students in the UK.

A panel of judges made up of experts within the student money advice sector will consider all nominations received and produce a list of finalists in each of the award categories (excluding Region of the Year). Winners in each category will be a4th June 2019.

This document provides information about what the judges are looking for in each award category. The application form can be downloaded from the NASMA website at: <http://www.nasma.org.uk/Events/Student-Money-Advice-Awards-2019/>

Student Money Adviser of the Year

NASMA are the Student Money Advice experts and this award will be made to an individual adviser who has excelled in his/her field and made a contribution to students individually or to student money advice more generally that is not only over and above the call of duty but also in line with the NASMA Values.

Best Fund/Bursary Administrator of the Year

With the increased levels of student hardship and debt across the UK, this award will be made to an individual who has excelled in administering funds by demonstrating equity and fairness in his/her decision-making whilst also pro-actively supporting students individually or making a contribution to student money advice more generally that is over and above the call of duty.

Best Partnership Award

NASMA supports and encourages its members to work collaboratively in order to provide a high quality and holistic support service. The Panel will be looking for evidence of an individual or team that has proactively created or developed a partnership between two or more departments/organisations focussed on improving the support for students through increased awareness and reach of the service offered.

Innovative Activity Award

NASMA is proactive in its members thinking outside of the box in order to provide high quality, student-focused service excellence. This award will be made to the individual or service that has shown the greatest innovation with the intention of improving the support for their students and/or colleagues.

Financial Capability Engagement Award

With the level of student debt continuing to rise, the Financial Capability Engagement Award has been introduced to celebrate individuals or services that have shown the greatest commitment to engaging with Financial Capability within their institution.

Region of the Year

Following the introduction of 'Region of the Year' in 2015, the spirit of friendly competition has never been stronger within NASMA. This award not only provides bragging rights for the victors, but also continues to raise the bar in terms of collaboration and engagement by members at a regional level. Regional Chairs are invited to submit a short rationale as to why their region should be crowned as the best of 2018/19. The winner will be decided by the NASMA Chair and the NASMA Office Manager.

Previous NASMA Award Winners

Student Money Adviser of the Year

John Tate, Leeds Beckett University - 2018
Erin Russell, University of Sterling - 2017
Eri Mountbatten, Aberystwyth Students' Union – 2016
Michelle Jagger, University of Exeter Student Guild – 2015
Alison Barnard, University of Nottingham - 2014

Best Fund/Bursary Administrator of the Year

Sam Wainwright, Leeds Beckett University - 2018
Nigel Sigodo, University of Surrey - 2017
Sophie Maholland, University College Birmingham – 2016
Julie Connelly, University of Sunderland – 2015
Holly Knight, University of Manchester - 2014

Best Partnership Award

University of Plymouth - 2018
UWS Funding & Advice Team and SAUWS - 2017
University of West of Scotland – 2016
Northern Regional College and Queens University – 2015
University of South Wales Student Money Advice Team - 2014

Innovative Activity Award

Swansea University - 2018
Falmouth & Exeter Students' Union - 2017
University of York, York St John & Blackbullion – 2016
University of Leicester's MiserChef event - 2015
University of Dundee Student Funding Team - 2014

Financial Capability Engagement Award

University of the West of England - 2018
University of the West of Scotland Funding & Advice Team - 2017
Swansea University MASO – International Student Workshops - 2016

Region of the Year

North East - 2018
Scotland - 2017
Northern Ireland - 2016
Wales - 2015