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From: Professor Nick Lieven

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**Subject: University Teaching Fellowships and Awards**

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Dear Colleagues

I am pleased to announce that applications and nominations for the following two University schemes are now invited:

- The **University's Teaching Fellowship Scheme**. Full details of the Scheme and the relevant application form are available from: [www.bris.ac.uk/esu/academicdevelopment/utf/](http://www.bris.ac.uk/esu/academicdevelopment/utf/).
- The **University's Teaching Awards**. Full details of the Scheme and the relevant nomination forms are available from: [www.bris.ac.uk/esu/academicdevelopment/prizes/](http://www.bris.ac.uk/esu/academicdevelopment/prizes/).

## University Teaching Fellowships

Three University Teaching Fellowships will be awarded to members of academic staff to enable them to spend a dedicated period of time (up to one year) on pedagogical research and the dissemination of exciting, innovative and high-quality teaching and learning practices at a national (or even international) level with a view to ensuring that they are equipped to make a successful application for a National Teaching Fellowship in the future.

Academic members of staff who can present an exciting and innovative project proposal to enhance the student learning experience are invited to apply. The Fellowships will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2012.

There is no restriction on the number of applications that may be submitted from each faculty though faculties may wish to provide a ranking of such applications.

## University Teaching Awards

A number of annual awards are made by the University to recognise the effort of individuals who support education and celebrate achievements in teaching, and will do so in the following categories for 2011-12:

- The University Teaching and Learning Award (6 awards)
- The University Rising Star Award (3 awards)
- The University Award for Influence in Higher Education (1 award) **\*new\***
- The University E-Learning Award (1 award)
- The University Education for Sustainability Award (1 award) **\*new\***

May I draw your attention to the changes in the University Teaching Awards this year: the previous 'University Award Recognising Support for Teaching and Learning' has been incorporated into the 'University Teaching and Learning Award', which is now open to both academic and administrative members of staff. Two new awards have also been established, as indicated above.

Those presented for consideration for a Teaching Award will normally do so by nomination by a colleague, usually their line manager (for example the nominee's Head of School or the Divisional Head), though nominees are able to nominate themselves.

Faculties / the Deputy Registrar are invited to coordinate applications and endorse a particular nomination(s) for each award.

A judging panel consisting of members of the Education Committee will meet to consider applications.

### **Deadlines for Submission**

Completed application / nomination forms for both schemes should be submitted electronically to Mike White in the Education Support Unit ([m.white@bris.ac.uk](mailto:m.white@bris.ac.uk), cc: [esu-info@bris.ac.uk](mailto:esu-info@bris.ac.uk)) by the deadline date of **noon, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012**.

Applications / nominations will include supporting statements from the Head of School and /or the Faculty Education Directors, or the Deputy Registrar (where members of the Support Services are nominated for a Teaching Award); so for this purpose, faculties and the Deputy Registrar may wish to set their own internal deadline for receipt of applications / nominations.

The successful applicants / nominees will be informed of the decision late-February, with the winners of the Fellowships and Awards also being announced at the University's Learning and Teaching Exhibition on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Please could I ask that that you disseminate this information to your colleagues in the School / Faculty / Support Services.

I look forward to receiving excellent applications and nominations from across the University.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Lieven', with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

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Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education)