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## Nottingham Advantage Award Employer-supported prizes 2012/13

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## Introduction

Our employer-supported prizes exist to recognise the exceptional achievements of students taking part in the Nottingham Advantage Award.

They give you the chance to articulate how the activity you have undertaken as part of the Award has enhanced your personal and professional development, and get additional recognition for this.

The shortlisting and interview panels will be looking for evidence that you have linked your experiences through the Award together and can explain how they have proven to be beneficial for you or how you think they will benefit you in the future. Some modules will lend themselves naturally to a prize, where others may not be so obvious. For example, if you have undertaken work experience in a local school through the Part-time Work and Volunteering module you may want to apply for a community prize. Alternatively, if you have taken a PR or events management module you may want to consider a leadership prize. Which prize you apply for is completely up to you!

### Who can apply?

Students who have completed (or are in the process of completing) a minimum of two modules are eligible to apply for a prize, subject to the terms and conditions that can be downloaded from our [Workspace site](#). Prize winners must be able to attend an interview in March and collect their prize at our Celebration Event on the 8 May 2013.

### How do I apply?

Application forms for each prize will be available on the Award's [Workspace site](#).

Application forms will be available from 7 January 2013.

### Key dates

**Applications open:**  
7 January 2013

**Deadline for applications:**  
5pm, 22 February 2013

**Shortlisted candidates informed:**  
1 March 2013

**Interviews held:**  
Weeks commencing 11 and 18 March 2013

**Successful candidates informed by:**  
5 April 2013

**Celebration Event:**  
8 May 2013

Two undergraduate students studying in the Atrium, Portland Building.



# The Vice-Chancellor's Global Graduate Prize

This prize, supported by the Vice-Chancellor, recognises an individual student for their global graduate attributes.

## Why does the Vice-Chancellor sponsor this prize?

By the time you graduate, we hope that our academic and extracurricular opportunities will have allowed you to grow professionally, to develop as a person and to formulate exciting plans for the future. Everyone's journey is different and we're proud of how our students mature and broaden their horizons.

You will leave us not just with an internationally-recognised degree but with a critical way of thinking and the ability to work independently. Although you might not have all the answers, you'll have the skills and aptitude to tackle any questions — qualities that will help you succeed in whatever you choose to do.

## What are we looking for in your application?

We are looking for evidence that you can demonstrate a range of 'Global Graduate Attributes', that not only reflect your education at Nottingham, but will prepare you effectively for the globalised world of work and for continuous personal and professional development.

Your application should include evidence that you can demonstrate any of the following attributes:

- The acquisition of a broader international perspective.
- A good understanding of a diverse and global society.
- Communication with others across cultures.
- Developing cross-cultural and intercultural awareness through a range of activities.
- An understanding of what it means to be a global citizen.

## Am I eligible to apply?

Please refer to the Prize Terms and Conditions on our [Workspace site](#).

This prize is available to students at all campuses at the University in the UK, China and Malaysia.

Only one winner will be chosen.

## What is the prize?

£500 STA Travel vouchers.

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# Outstanding Contribution to the Community Prize

This prize, supported by Teach First and PwC, recognises an individual student for their contribution to the local community.

## Why do Teach First and PwC sponsor this prize?

Teach First aim to place teachers in schools in 7 regions of England and is a charity organisation, working with a range of community partners to explore economic and social disadvantage that impacts upon educational attainment.

PwC partner with Teach First and support the great things that they do.

PwC is founded on a culture of partnership with a strong commercial focus. This is reflected in our vision: "One firm — a powerhouse of a commercial enterprise that does the right thing for our clients, our people and our communities."

Teach First and PwC both feature highly in The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers, (4th and 1st respectively) and are committed to developing students through initiatives like the Advantage Award.

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## What are we looking for in your application?

- Have you worked or volunteered for a charity, community organisation or educational organisation?
- Have you developed or contributed towards a project that has benefited the student, local or international community?
- Have you been involved in volunteering that helps to raise the educational aspirations of young people?
- Can you provide evidence of the essential employability skills you have gained as a result of participating in community-based activities?
- How do you plan to take these skills forward in the future?
- Why is it important to you to gain recognition through this prize?
- How would this prize be beneficial to you?

## Am I eligible to apply?

Please refer to the Prize Terms and Conditions on our [Workspace site](#).

## What is the prize?

A private lunch with the CEO of Teach First and a Senior Partner from PwC.

# Leadership Prize

**This prize, supported by Barclays Retail and Business Bank, recognises an individual student for their outstanding leadership skills.**

## Why do Barclays sponsor this prize?

Barclays focus heavily on developing graduates to become the future leaders of tomorrow. To find out more, visit our [website](#).

## What are we looking for in your application?

We are looking for you to demonstrate that you have developed and utilised any of the following qualities and attributes in activities throughout your Award. In your nomination, consider and demonstrate how you:

**Inspire:** You can engage and empower others to gain their commitment, and take pride in demonstrating personal ownership and supporting your team.

**Collaborate:** You understand the importance of building strong networks and relationships, inside the company and out, to create value for our customers.

**Be Bold:** You're not afraid to think bigger and act quicker. You embrace innovation and new ways of doing things.

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**Beliefs:** You share our beliefs in making our customers lives much easier, being a force for good, and creating value for Barclays.

**Perspective:** You can see the business through the eyes of our customers, and use this insight to guide your decision making.

**Expertise:** You have or are willing to learn, the core professional and technical skills and experiences necessary for success.

**Drive:** You have the ambition and motivation to deliver consistent results and make it to the top.

## Am I eligible to apply?

**To apply for this prize you must:**

- have achieved at least 300 UCAS points.
- be averaging a 2:1.
- refer to the Prize Terms and Conditions on our [Workspace site](#).

## What is the prize?

- A place on one of our programmes of your choice from the options found [here](#).
- An iPad2.

"The reason that I applied was to get some sort of recognition for the stuff I was doing outside of my degree programme."

— Will Lobo, winner of the Leadership Prize in 2012

# Professional Development Prize

**This prize, supported by PwC, recognises an individual student for their commitment to professional, personal and career development.**

## Why do PwC sponsor this prize?

PwC were awarded the Employability Award by AGCAS in 2009, recognising their outstanding contribution to supporting student employability and development. PwC offer graduates extensive training and development opportunities and are committed to providing opportunities on-campus through which students can develop career management and professional skills.

## What are we looking for in your application?

We are looking for evidence that you have been committed to developing your employability, focusing particularly on the development of workplace and career skills through the Award.

**You may demonstrate this through:**

- periods of paid or voluntary work
- commitment to extensive extra-curricular activities through which you have identified key employability skills and attributes necessary for the world of work
- career planning or research activities

- Can you provide evidence of the essential employability skills you have gained as a result of participating in these activities?
- How do you plan to take this forward in the future?
- Why is it important to you to gain recognition through this prize?
- How would this prize be beneficial to you?

## Am I eligible to apply?

Please refer to the Prize Terms and Conditions on our [Workspace site](#).

## What is the prize?

- £100 towards your ongoing professional or career development.
- Attendance at an Insight Day event exclusively for graduates to give an insight into the world of work and find out the experiences of new graduates. You will get a chance to network with staff and get hints and tips about the application process.

"The attendance at the Insight Day is going to be really beneficial in helping my professional development."

— Annalise Grice, winner of the Professional Development Prize in 2012

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# Imagination Prize

**This prize, supported by GE, recognises an individual student for their imagination throughout the award.**

## Why do GE sponsor this prize?

The “imagination at work” tagline symbolises the creative spirit and can-do attitude of GE people. GE’s innovative technologies span industries as broadly as they do countries, from nanotechnology, molecular imaging, and phototonics to large scale industrial turbines. But that’s just the beginning. Our businesses are also creating the future of healthcare, entertainment, finance, energy, communications and more. To find out more take a look at [our website](#).

## What are we looking for in your application?

For GE employees around the world, “imagination at work” is a tagline that declares, “What we imagine, we can make happen.” It reflects our curiosity, drive, hard work and willingness to take risks.

We are looking for you to have demonstrated the following attributes in activities throughout your award:

- **Supports change** — Advocates for ways to make effective and beneficial changes.
- **Innovative** — Challenges self and others to continuously come up with new and better ways of doing things.
- **Courage** — Confidently acts on one’s point of view and makes tough decisions when required.
- **Resilient** — Resolves difficult challenges in creative ways and pushes for success.

## Am I eligible to apply?

Please refer to the Prize Terms and Conditions on our [Workspace site](#).

## What is the prize?

£200 Amazon vouchers.

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# Personal Development Prize

**This prize, supported by Experian, recognises an individual student for their commitment to personal development.**

## Why do Experian sponsor this prize?

At Experian, we believe that individuals have greater success if they take ownership for their own development and use a variety of resources to help them reach their goals.

We support all colleagues to develop both personally and professionally - as motivated individuals, who are keen to deliver inspirational service, are essential if we are able to achieve our vision.

Personal development means adding, enhancing or refreshing your knowledge, skills and/or behaviours in order to be the best you can be.

Effective learning leads to change, development and the desire to learn more.

## What are we looking for in your application?

As these are our beliefs, we are keen to reward an individual who has shown exceptional focus and growth in their own personal development throughout their time of completing the Award.

In particular, we are looking for you to have demonstrated the following attributes in your activities throughout your Award:

- Identifying and acting on your personal areas for growth.
- Seeking and positively reacting to feedback from others.
- Being authentic in your interactions with others.
- Building an understanding of yourself and others.

## Am I eligible to apply?

Please refer to the Prize Terms and Conditions on our [Workspace site](#).

## What is the prize?

Business coaching with an external coach employed by Experian.

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# Enterprise in the Community Prize

This prize, supported by Ernst & Young, recognises an individual student for their enterprising activity.

## Why do Ernst & Young sponsor this prize?

Entrepreneurs make a difference. They not only have great ideas, but also the drive to make them a reality. They use their fresh thinking and hard work to create positive social change - bringing new concepts and products to market, and creating jobs and wealth.

We have long recognised the potential of entrepreneurs. We work with a range of businesses, from those receiving their first venture funding through to large mid-up companies, whose value may be measured in billions of dollars.

We have decided to sponsor this prize to recognise the work that Nottingham students do in the local community. Whether it is contributing to a social enterprise or volunteering for a community organisation, entrepreneurship is more than just making money to EY. It is about demonstrating the desire to get out in front and lead whilst making a difference along the way.

How have you made a difference?

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## What are we looking for in your application?

- Have you worked or volunteered for a community, organisation or social enterprise?
- Have you developed or contributed towards an innovative and enterprising project that has benefited the student, local or international community?
- Can you provide evidence of the essential employability skills you have gained as a result of participating community-based activities?
- How do you plan to take this forward in the future?
- Why is it important to you to gain recognition through this prize?
- How would this prize be beneficial to you?

## Am I eligible to apply?

Please refer to the Prize Terms and Conditions on our [Workspace site](#).

## What is the prize?

- £200 to support career development.
- Attendance at an Insight Day.

# Collaboration and Communication Prize

This prize, supported by BT, recognises an individual student for their outstanding collaboration and communication skills.

## Why do BT sponsor this prize?

BT is one of the world's leading providers of communications services and actively helps people collaborate and thrive in an ever changing world. Collaboration and communication are key parts of everyday life at BT. Lots of our senior leaders have successfully completed our graduate programme. Some have even become CEOs. We are always on the look out for people like them. To find out more visit [our website](#).

## What are we looking for in your application?

We are looking for evidence that you have been committed to developing your employability, focusing particularly on the development of collaboration and communication skills through the award. You can demonstrate this through:

**Team spirit** — You can get along and work really well with other people — whatever you are doing.

**Communication** — You are great at making complex and technical information clear — whoever you are dealing with.

**Integrity** — You keep your promises.

**Enthusiasm** — You relish a challenge and believe in being the best at whatever you do.

- Have you worked as part of a team?
- Have you been part of a multi-national team where you have collaborated and communicated with people whose native language is different from yours and who come from different countries and cultures?
- How do you plan to take this forward in the future?
- Why is it important to you to gain recognition through this prize?
- How would this prize be beneficial to you?

## Am I eligible to apply?

Please refer to the Prize Terms and Conditions on our [Workspace site](#).

## What is the prize?

£100 to support the learning of a language plus one day at BT headquarters. You will get a chance to network with graduates and staff, have a mentoring session with a professional career coach and attend a live meeting with a senior business leader.

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# Outstanding Enterprising Female Student of the Year Prize

**This prize, supported by Enterprise Rent-a-Car, recognises the outstanding achievement of a female student for their entrepreneurial approaches to activities undertaken throughout their Award.**

## Why do Enterprise sponsor this prize?

Enterprise has invested heavily in supporting female employees to move into management roles within their company. They have done this as part of their aim to promote a diverse workforce and Enterprise has been recognised as a Times top 50 employer for women for the sixth year in a row.

## What are we looking for in your application?

We are looking for evidence that you have demonstrated an enterprising approach towards activities within your Award. For instance:

- Have you used an enterprising or innovative approach to overcome a challenge or to solve a problem?
- Have you set up a business, charity or social enterprise?

- Have you used an enterprising or innovative approach towards the development of a project?
- Have you taken part in enterprise and entrepreneurship modules?
- Can you provide evidence of the essential employability skills you have gained as a result of participating in enterprise activities?
- How do you plan to take these skills forward in the future?
- Why is it important to you to gain recognition through this prize?
- How would you use the prize money?

## Am I eligible to apply?

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## What is the prize?

- An invitation to our GM Club event — an event for our top performing Branch and Area managers hosted by our General Manager/Vice President.
- £150 Capital Bonds vouchers (can be used in many high street shops.)

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# High Performance Prize

**This prize, supported by Accenture, recognises an individual student for their high performance.**

## Why do Accenture sponsor this prize?

Accenture see high performance as an integral contributor to success. Our business philosophy is to deliver solutions which will enable our clients to become high performance organisations. Being experts in our field, and excelling at what we do, has enabled us to create extensive relationships with some of the world's leading companies. Our core values have shaped the culture and defined the character of our company; we believe in acting with an owner mentality, attracting and developing the best talent for our business, focusing on execution excellence and delivering an exceptional service. We recognise the high performance of individuals and the positive impact this can have on our business.

## What are we looking for in your application?

We are looking for evidence that you have exhibited high performance throughout your Award activity. We want you to tell us how you have exceeded your own personal expectations, and gone above and beyond what was expected of you.

In your nomination, consider and demonstrate how you:

- Have been involved in a successful campaign or project
- Have set yourself personal goals and achieved or exceeded them
- Have excelled and gone above and beyond someone else's expectations
- Have been part of a winning team
- Have gone that extra step to make sure that your Award activity has been the best it possibly can be

## Am I eligible to apply?

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## What is the prize?

£200.

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