**PSAI Teaching and Learning Award 2025**



**Call for Nominations**

**Purpose**

The award aims to recognise those political scientists whose disciplinary teaching incites intellectual curiosity in students, inspires departmental colleagues, increases student awareness of the significant relationships between politics as theory and politics as practice, and integrates teaching and research.

**Prize**

Recipients of the award will receive a prize sponsored by the PSAI. On occasion, the PSAI makes special awards for outstanding contributions in particular pedagogies. Prize winners will receive an invite to present their work at the teaching and learning specialist group panel at 2025 PSAI Annual Conference.

**Eligibility**

Staff teaching a minimum of two politics modules in an academic year.

**Process**

The selection process will have three phases:

1.  Submission of the **nomination form**, with a letter/email of recommendation [by **July 11**th].

2.  Submission of a **portfolio** by the nominee [by **September 19**th].

3.  Assessment of portfolios by the judging panel (PSAI members and external academic).

The committee will be looking for evidence of the nominee’s sustained excellence in teaching and facilitating learning for students of politics and public administration. It will examine how the nominee champions teaching and learning within the discipline. It will also consider how the nominee’s teaching and research are integrated.

**Selection Criteria**

* Evidence of teaching practices which engage students and promote effective learning.
* Innovation in teaching, learning and assessment with achievement or relevant learning outcomes.
* Contribution to curriculum and pedagogical development in the discipline.
* Evidence of reflective teaching and learning practice by integration of feedback.
* Contribution to the scholarship of teaching and learning in the discipline.

**Nomination**

Individuals may be nominated by colleagues at departmental, school, university, or discipline level. Please use the nomination form on page 3 here.

Each nomination must be accompanied by a letter/e-mail of recommendation. Email nominations to Philip Murphy (philip.murphy@ucc.ie) by July 11th, 2025

**Portfolio Submission**

Nominees will be asked to submit by a portfolio (2500 words max.) to Philip Murphy (philip.murphy@ucc.ie) by September 19th, 2025. Please address the following elements:

* Overview of teaching responsibilities; modules, levels, and student numbers (300 words max.).

* Reflective statement on teaching; goals, objectives, experiences and professional development (700 words max.).
* Outline of your; innovation and engaging practice in teaching and assessment, contribution to the curriculum and to pedagogical development in the discipline, collection and integration of student feedback, and contribution to the scholarship of teaching and learning in the discipline (1,500 words max.).
* Appendix; A structured and selective sample of relevant class material: e.g., module content, module assessment, and module feedback (8 pages max).

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**Nomination Form**

 **Nominee’s Detail**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Institution** |  |

**Nominated By**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Institution** |  |
| **Role** |  |

Please return this form, along with a **letter/email of recommendation**, toPhilip Murphy (philip.murphy@ucc.ie) by July 11th, 2025

**PSAI Teaching & Learning Committee Convenors**

Dr. Eman Abboud, TCD (abboude@tcd.ie) & Dr Philip Murphy, UCC (philip.murphy@ucc.ie)