

A photograph of a woman in a white shirt leaning over a desk to assist a male student with glasses and a female student. The woman is holding a large sheet of paper. The male student is looking at the paper, and the female student is looking down at a book on the desk. In the background, another student is visible at a desk.

# Supporting technical staff involved in Psychology education

Dr Julie Hulme, Discipline Lead for Psychology

# HEA and Psychology

HEA's mission is to support the development, delivery and dissemination of excellent learning and teaching in UK higher education.

We do this through funding, research, provision of continuing professional development, events, conferences....

Support at subject level is at the heart of our work and we continue to deliver and develop the services which are most valued by those working in Psychology.

# HEA and Psychology



Support for psychology is co-ordinated by the Psychology discipline lead and a team of staff in STEM.

Information about current HEA opportunities for psychologists – a click away!

- Grants up to £60,000;
- Workshops and seminars;
- Continuing professional development opportunities.

Recently published...psychology report on the national student survey...

# Psychology technicians

Central to the use of technology to enhance the student learning experience:

- Training students in research skills
- Providing multimedia support for teaching
- Enhanced functionality of virtual learning environments
- Supporting academics in using and developing new technology
- Creating new technology for learning
- Maintaining and developing facilities for student learning and research
- Working with AHPD/BPS to identify key features of technical role

# How might HEA help?

Consider applying for some of the research funding – your innovations have impact with your students and could do the same for others!

CPD opportunities – attend workshops and conferences from HEA and other organisations to help develop your skills and knowledge base. UK travel fund as well as events.

Consider becoming an associate fellow/fellow of the HEA, to have your teaching and student support activities recognised.

Doing something well? Tell me and we can disseminate good practice together.

What do you need? Can I organise an event or support you in other ways?

# Find out more

Talk to me today

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# HEA Technician of the Year 2012



HEA recognise the valuable and often unrecognised work done by technicians in supporting student education in Psychology.

The award has been judged by the Discipline Lead for Psychology and the Head of STEM at the HEA, Dr Janet De Wilde.

Very impressive field of nominees, showing a huge range of skills, knowledge and student engagement activities...all deserve huge credit! Commitment to Psychology, to CPD, to students and to colleagues.



And the winner is....



# Charlotte Elwell

York St John University



- Statistics teaching in class and support for dissertations
- Helping staff to develop and deliver teaching activities
- Lead on effective use of VLE including PDP
- Flexible use of a variety of software to support teaching
- Student training and supervision
- Experimental programming for students from first year
- “Intelligent”, “unfussy practical approach”, “unfailing commitment to the student experience”, “innovative”, “invaluable contribution”, “go the extra mile”....

# Laura Scurlock-Evans

University of Worcester



- Workshops and tutorials on SPSS and statistics, one-to-one support for students and staff, telephone and email support
- Student-centred approach – empowering students (and staff!) to identify and solve problems
- Student guides and ‘walkthroughs’ – responsive to feedback
- Feedback form for research methods assessment
- Questionnaire design tutorials, support with psychometrics
- Emergency cover for seminars and lectures
- “an asset...significantly contributed”, “quality of her teaching”, “enthusiastic, student-centred”, “excel”, “invaluable”, “exemplary”, “patience”, “the best technician we have employed”....