



## UEA Award 2019-20: Information for Academic Advisers

### What is the UEA Award? In brief...

The UEA Award involves students undertaking activities then submitting short descriptions of what they did, with an emphasis on what they learned from the experience. All submissions are made on the MyCareerCentral site and through this students document their activities whilst increasing their ability to articulate skills and attributes. The Award has been developed in conjunction with employers and culminates in a certificate from the University. More information on the Award is available from the [UEA Award website](#).

### What are the benefits of the UEA Award?

Feedback from students via our annual surveys have shown the main benefits of the UEA Award are:

- Having a record and recognition of achievements, both academic and extra-curricular;
- Building a CV that does justice to students' time here;
- Being in the know and getting involved with activities on campus;
- Gaining feedback and perspective from employers;
- Having great examples to use in interviews, covering letters and application forms;
- Reflecting on achievements, strengths and next steps.

Here are some videos showing the benefits of the UEA Award:

- ▶ 'Why Should I Join the UEA Award?' Video of the Award experiences of the 2016-17 cohort of Award students <https://youtu.be/cvHY8aRWqjE>
- ▶ 'Anna's story.' UEA Award Alumna and NBS PGT student Anna talks about her journey through the Award and beyond into the world of work in local tech startup Thyngs <https://youtu.be/NTzItKiwCLs>

### Who can benefit from the UEA Award?

Our focus this year is on improving engagement from registered students. Your encouragement can help considerably to motivate students to begin and keep going with the Award.

### What kinds of students can benefit from the Award?

The majority of students could benefit from undertaking the Award. However, it is a commitment and requires effort to complete Bronze, Silver or Gold levels. Students who can particularly benefit include:

- Those who are quite active outside their course but who may not have thought much about their development at UEA and how they might articulate it to secure jobs or further study;
- Those who lack confidence to get involved in other activities at UEA or may not know how to get started, or who want to build other aspects of mindset around resilience or flexibility;
- Students who would benefit from becoming more 'well-rounded' in the range or type of activities they can talk about in applications or interviews;
- Students who are career-focused and want to get a competitive edge to enter a particular profession.

### What benefits might students from particular faculties get from the Award?

Faculty-specific videos have been produced which capture students' experiences and summarise Award benefits:

#### Faculty videos:

- ▶ SSF video  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jaf\\_2uSgbIA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jaf_2uSgbIA)
- ▶ SCI video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eKQUuwb21I>
- ▶ HUM video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JL4oGWK83ks>
- ▶ FMH. The 'why should I join the UEA Award video' includes an interview with an HSC student  
<https://youtu.be/cvHY8aRWqjE>

## How does the Award relate to particular year groups and degree types?

### **New UG students: Can register later**

- We would like new UG students to be made aware of the Award but there is no rush for them to sign-up. Spring Semester is a good time for them to register as they have usually begun to participate in student life.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year UG Students: Can gain good benefits from starting**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year UG are excellent candidates to register for the Award. There is still time to complete all Award levels. Students can submit retrospective activities from up to two years ago when in Years 2 and 3.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year UG students can still complete the Award, particularly by writing up retrospective activities. However they need to make progress quickly and there will be a cut off point in the year for them to make progress.

### **PGT students: Need to start and be active soon**

- PGT students can submit to the Award and we've had some excellent PGT students gain certificates; however they need to start soon. They can also submit retrospective activities from up to 1 year before the start of their PGT course.

## How do Students Register for the Award?

Students can [register](#) via the UEA Award website [www.uea.ac.uk/award](http://www.uea.ac.uk/award). A [student pamphlet](#), is also available in digital form containing more information on what the UEA Award is, Award benefits, what activities count and details of Award levels and hours.

### **What Support is Available?**

- The Award operates very responsive e-mail and telephone support to students:
  - Principal point of student support: [award@uea.ac.uk](mailto:award@uea.ac.uk)
  - Telephone support: 01603 591032
- The UEA Award website is a good source of information including FAQs: <https://www.uea.ac.uk/careers/students-and-graduates/uea-award/start>
  - Students can also receive e-mail support or make an appointment with UEA Award Ambassadors, who are fellow students on the Award. Please feel free to give your students the contact details of their relevant ambassadors:
    - Humanities Faculty (HUM)**
      - Rob Klim (HIS, AMA, PPL LDC) - [R.Klim@uea.ac.uk](mailto:R.Klim@uea.ac.uk)
    - Science Faculty (SCI)**
      - Gemma Cassettari (BIO, CHE, MTH, NAT, CMP) – [G.Cassettari@uea.ac.uk](mailto:G.Cassettari@uea.ac.uk)
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- The Award has a Facebook group (closed group) with over 500 members where Award students can ask for support or talk to other Award students: '[UEA Award](#).'
- If you have questions about the Award or its development please contact the Award Team at [award@uea.ac.uk](mailto:award@uea.ac.uk)