



General Teaching Council
for Northern Ireland

Promoting Teacher Professionalism



Celebrating Excellence

TALENT / OPPORTUNITY / RECOGNITION



☆ **TALENT / OPPORTUNITY / RECOGNITION**

The GTCNI Student Teacher Awards were initiated in 2007 to celebrate the hard work, dedication and talent of teacher education students aspiring to be great teachers.

The Student Teacher Award recognises excellence in the practical application of reflective practice by initial teacher education students graduating from each of the Northern Ireland Higher Education Institutions (*HEIs*). In a competitive labour market this prestigious award is a highly respected and valued addition to a graduate teacher's CV, enabling them to stand out as 'best in class'.

☆ **Who is Eligible?**

Final year PGCE and BEd students studying at any of the Higher Education Institutions in Northern Ireland are eligible to apply for the STAR Award.

The award recognises students who have achieved at a consistently high level.

☆ **Assessment**

Each participating HEI selects two award winners based on academic and practical assessment carried out as part of their course of study and placement.

Celebrating Excellence

☆ The Award

Each student is awarded a framed certificate and £400 to facilitate engagement in continuous professional development. The STAR Award continues to promote positive values, build relationships with our partner HEIs and reward our local student teachers.

☆ **Recognition:** "This award should not be underestimated as a personal accolade to the candidates and their employing schools."
University of Ulster

☆ **Prestige:** "The GTCNI Awards are highly valued by the PGCE students and we have witnessed the framed certificates on the classroom walls of experienced teachers."
Queen's University Belfast

☆ **Achievement:** "Award winning teachers can begin their career confidently knowing they can build on this outstanding achievement."
St Mary's University College

☆ **Trust:** "It is important for students to recognise that GTCNI, as their professional body, has taken an interest in them from the beginning of their career."
Stranmillis University College

☆ **Professionalism:** "The GTCNI Award is highly valued by its recipients and the University. It both encourages and rewards dedication and professionalism from the outset."
Open University



☆ **RECOGNISING TALENT**

The GTCNI Student Teacher Awards were initiated in 2007 to promote and reward the 'best in class' graduating student teachers studying at each of Northern Ireland's Higher Education Institutions (*HEIs*).

The award has been developed and renamed the STAR Award to encourage, recognise and ultimately celebrate the excellence of new teachers. The award provides an opportunity for all students to participate and aspire to excellence in reflective practice.

Contact your course provider to find out more.

Visit www.gtcni.org.uk for more details

Sign up for twitter at www.twitter.com/GTCNI

General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland

Albany House • 73 - 75 Great Victoria Street • Belfast BT2 7AF

Tel: (028) 9033 3390 • Email: communications@gtcni.org.uk • twitter.com/GTCNI