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# UNI INNOVATORS WIN TWO AWARDS

## Mini solar panel and electrical testing system impress judges

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**A MINI-SOLAR panel and a groundbreaking automotive electrical testing system developed at the University of Warwick have triumphed in a night of double victory at the Lord Stafford Awards.**

The finals, held at the University of Birmingham Great Hall, were the 15th awards which celebrate and showcase the best in collaboration between business and universities.

In the Innovation Achieved category add2, Warwick Manufacturing Group and Jaguar Land Rover were successful after developing a £10million testing system which decreases faults on premium vehicles. And in the Innovation in Development category, Molecular Solar and the University of Warwick were successful having developed a groundbreaking micro-thin solar panel, which could save phone and hand-held device users the frustration of flat batteries.

For the first time, the awards covered both the west and east Midlands with the winners across four categories.

Lord Stafford, patron of the awards, said: "This was a tremendously successful evening for the University of Warwick with two of the four winners involved with the university.

"These are two worthy winners in two very tough categories and innovations which I am sure will make a huge impact in years to come.

"Every year the wealth of innovation in the Midlands developed as a result of collaboration with

universities becomes more and more spectacular. The winners of the 2011 awards have all demonstrated brilliance in the nature of their collaborations whether it is using innovation to tackle a specific challenge.

"Despite the economic situation at the moment, the importance of innovation is vital to recovery and the night just shows how much innovation is still taking place."

The awards are sponsored by BNY Mellon, Harper Adams University College, Clever Cherry, Swindell & Pearson, Whittingham Riddell LLP and the Enterprise Europe Network.

Jim McEleney, chief operating officer for BNY Mellon – EMEA (Europe, the Middle East and Africa), said: "Our organisation-wide commitment to innovation encompasses everything from our client solutions to our work in communities globally, which includes our support of the Lord Stafford Awards.

"This year's winners demonstrate how collaboration between businesses and academic organisations helps to develop groundbreaking products which will make a significant contribution to the UK's future economic success.

"It has been inspiring to support an event which brings together such a vast array of entrepreneurial talent, business acumen and academic brilliance."

