

Entry opens to the region's leading science and technology awards

The categories

Start-up of the Year

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A celebration of early-stage companies, we're looking for an entrepreneurial business with a new way of doing things. How will your company improve on what's out there already?



STEM Initiative of the Year

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A new category for 2019, this award will recognise work to encourage greater engagement in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. From inspiring young people to consider courses and careers in STEM, and creating the next generation of entrepreneurs, to broadening access to, and understanding of STEM fields in the wider population, we are looking for projects that have made a difference.



Agritech Company of the Year

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With our climate, biodiversity and food production emergency, it is more important than ever that agritech helps find solutions. The judges will be looking for those who bring together cutting-edge technologies with farming to address any agricultural challenge.



Award for Innovation

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A new award, this will highlight innovative products, ideas and companies across all fields of science and technology. How is what you offer different to what's out there? How has your company changed the landscape? Share your stories of ingenuity with us.



Researcher of the Year

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Open to academic and commercial researchers, this award will recognise a researcher who is outstanding in his or her field, and has carried out exemplary work in the last year. Share details of the purpose, method and findings of the research, any publications, its impact and potential applications. Researchers can nominate themselves, or be nominated by others.



The Tech for Good Award

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Another new category for 2019, this award seeks to reward those using technology for positive social, environmental or economic ends. Open to companies, social enterprises and other organisations, the judges will reward impact.



The One to Watch

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This award seeks to identify the next raft of individuals, companies and technologies that are setting the standards in innovation and entrepreneurship. We're looking for the trailblazers who are pushing the boundaries of possibility and shaping the future.



Cambridge Independent SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

The 2019 Cambridge Independent Science and Technology Awards are now open for nominations.

A celebration of the finest achievements across a range of sectors, the awards are now in their third year.

Supported by a stellar cast of sponsors, the event will take place at the Bradfield Centre, the exciting £20million deep tech hub on Cambridge Science Park, on October 30.

The 2018 ceremony brought together some of the brightest and best entrepreneurs, scientists, researchers and business leaders in Cambridge.

Winners included Martin Frost, of CMR Surgical, who was named CEO of the Year, GeoSpock, which won Technology Company of the Year, and Microbotica, as Life Science Company of the Year.

This year's awards, with the addition of new categories, promise to be another extraordinary showcase of the Cambridge region's world-leading technologies.

Editor Paul Brackley said: "It is with great pleasure that we launch the 2019 Cambridge Independent Science and Technology Awards.

"Now established as the pre-eminent awards in the region across science and technology, they represent an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and ingenuity of companies and individuals working here.

"I would like to thank our sponsors for their support, and look forward to seeing some excellent nominees, whose work we will be pleased to highlight in the coming months."

Nominations can be made online by visiting the dedicated awards section at cambridgeindependent.co.uk - visit Business > Science and Technology Awards, or simply click on the banner on the homepage. You can also read about last year's winners, and find out more about our sponsors.

Nominations will close on July 31 and a judging panel, chaired by Paul and featuring experts from across a range of science and technology fields, will then

determine the winners to be announced at the awards ceremony, which will feature a reception sponsored by HSBC, which we are delighted to welcome as a new supporter of the awards this year.

New categories this year include STEM Initiative of the Year, designed to highlight exceptional work in engaging young people with science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Sponsored by Mathworks, a leading developer of mathematical computing software, the award reflects the critical importance to the Cambridge region of encouraging new talent into STEM courses and careers.

Also new for 2019 is the Tech for Good Award, sponsored by Allia Future Business Centres, which focuses on the use of technology for positive social, environmental and economic outcomes.

And there is an Award for Innovation, sponsored by engineering solutions company Cambridge Precision, highlighting game-changing

companies and products. Once again, the awards will feature two categories for individuals, who can nominate themselves, or be nominated by colleagues.

Researcher of the Year, sponsored by global biopharmaceutical company AstraZeneca, will acknowledge extraordinary work over the last year by a researcher in an academic or commercial field.

CEO of the Year, sponsored by business and financial advisers Grant Thornton, will highlight an inspirational chief executive who has delivered significant progress over the last 12 months.

Once again, we are working with Cofnitive on the One to Watch Award - a celebration of the people, companies or 'things' that have the potential to shake up their field.

Also returning this year are Biotech Company of the Year, sponsored by Chesterford Research Park, Medtech Company of the Year and Life Science Company of the Year, sponsored by BioStrata, along with Technology Company of the

Year, and Start-up of the Year, sponsored by Regus.

Appleyard Lees, the firm of patent attorneys and IP specialists, sponsors our AI Company of the Year category, while Woodfines Solicitors sponsors Cleantech Company of the Year and SmithsonHill sponsors Agritech Company of the Year - each highlighting areas of technology in which Cambridge is leading the way.

THE RULES

- Entrants must have a base within the Cambridge Independent circulation area.
- Nominees can enter more than one category
- Nominations are open now and close at midnight on July 31.

HOW TO ENTER

- Complete the form in the Science and Technology Awards section at cambridgeindependent.co.uk - simply click on the homepage banner or visit Business > Science and Technology Awards.



The 2018 trophies

The event



We are delighted to announce that the Cambridge Independent Science and Technology Awards 2019 will take place on October 30 at the Bradfield Centre, the deep tech hub on Cambridge Science Park. The event will feature a drinks reception sponsored by HSBC, which represents a fantastic networking opportunity.



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Cleantech Company of the Year

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We want to reward the pioneers of cleantech, who are thinking about the planet as well as their bottom line. The winner will be a company with technology that solves a problem, or improves lives, in a sustainable way - a true example to others.



Games Company of the Year

The Cambridge games sector is thriving. The judges are looking to reward a company that has delivered in the last 12 months. Evidence of player engagement, sales and positive feedback will be welcomed by the panel, as will evidence that companies are a great employer and play a role in their community.

Biotech Company of the Year

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The Cambridge region is at the centre of one of the most exciting biotechnology clusters in the world, so we expect a fantastic contest for this title, which will go to a company that can demonstrate how its work can change lives.



Medtech Company of the Year

Diagnostic devices, monitoring tools and the use of technology to change how disease is treated or managed are the subject of this category. Judges are looking for evidence of how a company's medtech is improving healthcare for patients.

AI Company of the Year

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Cambridge is leading the way in using artificial intelligence and machine learning in innovative ways. The judges are looking for a compelling, innovative use of AI.



CEO of the Year

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We are looking for an inspirational CEO who led a company or organisation to new heights in the past 12 months. Evidence of progress, change or entrepreneurship - and genuine leadership qualities - will be looked on favourably by the judging panel. Chief executives can



Technology Company of the Year

A broad category that encapsulates any company with technology at its heart - from wireless tech to software, engineering expertise to electronics. How does your company's technology stand out from the crowd? What have your employees achieved in the last 12 months?

Life Science Company of the Year

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The winner of this coveted title will need to demonstrate how their work in the last year has made a difference. We are looking for a pioneer - a company worthy of special recognition in one of the world's most exciting life science clusters.

