



## WISE Awards 2026 - Terms & Conditions

### Definitions

In the Terms & Conditions of Award Entry, the following definitions apply:

'Application Form' means the nomination form completed by or for the nominee to enter into The WISE Awards 2026.

'Attendee' means any person or business attending or registering to attend The WISE Awards 2026.

'Awards' means the WISE Awards 2026.

'Entrant' means Award Entrant or Award nominee who has been entered into The WISE Awards 2026.

'The Event' or 'Awards Reception' means the WISE Awards 2026 event.

'Finalist' means Award Finalist.

'Judge' means Awards Judge.

'Venue' is IET London: Savoy Place.

'Winner' means Award Winner.

### Terms and Conditions

By entering the Awards, the entrant is deemed to have read and understood these terms and conditions of Award Entry.

By entering The WISE Awards 2026, all award and category entrants agree to allow the details of their entry to be shared with the judges and representatives of The Institution of Engineering and Technology, WISE's parent company.

Any personal, company and project data and information will be shared with the judging panel for the purpose of administration and judging of the awards and any other relevant purposes. Sharing of Personal Data is necessary for the performance of processing your application.

The WISE Awards are open to any individual or organisation whose primary products, services or activities are considered scientific, technological, engineering-focused or mathematic. This also includes any organisation whose products, services or activities don't predominantly fit in those categories, but whose workforce encompasses scientific, technological, engineering-focused or mathematic roles.

Entrant organisations must be based in, or have significant operations in, the United Kingdom.

All category entries must be received by WISE prior to the submission deadline of **17 June 2026**. Entries received after the submission deadline will not be accepted. Neither WISE nor the judges will accept responsibility or liability for any lost, late, mislaid or incomplete entries. All such entries deemed invalid. For the avoidance of doubt, proof of dispatch shall not be accepted as proof of entry.

All category entries must be submitted in English and submitted electronically with supporting documents (if applicable) using the WISE Awards 2026 online platform. Any entry received by any other means including via email, fax, post or hand delivered will not be accepted.

All entrants must be aged 18 or over. The entrant or the employer represented by the entrant must have worked or be directly associated with the business, project or solution that is featured in the entry.

All ongoing correspondence about the awards and finalist information will be sent to the person submitting the entry.

Entrants may enter multiple award categories; however all submitted entries must be tailored for each individual category.

Entries must not exceed the word count as per individual category area on the WISE Awards 2026 online platform. This word limit does not apply to supporting documentation.

All category finalists will be notified via email by 3 July 2026. All award entrants will be sent an automated email confirming receipt of their submission, with nominees themselves also receiving an automated email congratulating them on their nomination.

By entering, you agree that if you are selected as a finalist for any of the awards, you will need to attend the online judging day on **30 July 2026**.

Once a shortlist of finalists from each award category is selected, the finalists will be publicly announced no later than 4 weeks prior to the Awards. Finalists will also be listed on the WISE website and via WISE's social media channels.

Award winners will be announced during the Awards event taking place at IET London: Savoy Place, on **28 September 2026**. Under no circumstances will the details of winners be disclosed prior to the event. During the event, all finalists for each award will be announced, with one award winner then announced from the finalists in each category. Winners will receive a trophy at the event. Finalists (excluding winners) will receive a certificate within 30 days of the event.

All Awards category finalists will be provided with complimentary tickets to the Awards at the discretion of WISE.

The WISE Awards 2026 are judged by a panel of independent judges featuring both representatives from WISE Awards 2026 partners and WISE staff.

The judges and WISE reserve the right at their absolute discretion to reject any entry without explanation or notice.

The judges' decision will be final and no explanation, correspondence or discussion will be offered or entered into before or following the judges' decision. Additionally, feedback will not be guaranteed on any successful or unsuccessful entry before or following the judges' decision.

Should entries of a winning standard not be submitted into an individual category, the judges at their absolute discretion may decline to award a winner or select finalists.

The judges and WISE reserve the right to amend category selections where it is deemed appropriate.

The judges reserve the right to disqualify any entry not accompanied by the appropriate / correct supporting documentation or any entry deemed to be inaccurate, false or misleading.

The judges and WISE accept no responsibility for any costs associated with entering or attending the Awards. This includes but not limited to: Attending the Awards or the creation, submission, judging and / or evaluation of award entries.

WISE will not be held responsible for any travel, accommodation and / or (non-event served) food or refreshment requirements of an Awards attendee, finalist or winner.

WISE will not be held responsible for obtaining visas to the UK.

WISE reserves the right at its own discretion to alter or reschedule the awards, the Awards reception and / or to change the judging panel and / or these terms at any time and without notice.

WISE reserves the right and shall be entitled to make changes to the Event at any time without liability to any entrant, including without limitation in respect of the advertised content, timings on the day, date, venue, format and/or location of the Event or the advertised speakers. WISE will keep you informed of any such changes from time to time.

WISE reserves the right and shall be entitled to, in our sole discretion, cancel or postpone the date of the Event. WISE will give written notice to you of our decision to cancel or postpone the Event as soon as reasonably practicable. In the case of postponement of the Event, WISE will offer Awards finalists the choice of either:

- (i) a credit for a future event run by us of your choice (up to the value of sum paid by you in respect of the Event); or
- (ii) a ticket to attend the Event on the new date.

In the case of cancellation of the Event, WISE will offer finalists a credit for a future event run by us of your choice (up to the value of sum paid by you in respect of the Event).

WISE shall not be liable for any hindrance, failure or delay in performing any of our obligations arising out of or in connection with these Terms as a result of an event or series of connected events beyond our reasonable control (including, without limitation, acts of God, extreme weather conditions, power failure, floods, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, war, riot, civil commotion, military operations, acts or threats of terrorism, malicious damage, strike action, lock-outs or other industrial action (whether involving our workforce or the workforce of any other party), default of suppliers or sub-contractors, compliance with any law or governmental order, rule regulation or direction, accident, failure or breakdown of plant, machinery, systems or vehicles, or a pandemic, epidemic, civil emergency or other widespread illness) ("Force Majeure Event").

In the event of a Force Majeure Event, WISE shall be entitled, without liability, at our sole discretion to vary, perform, suspend performance of, postpone, cancel the Event and/or the contract between us and/or terminate the contract between us subject to these Terms on giving written notice to you.

All Awards attendees accept and acknowledge that neither WISE nor the venue is responsible for any attendees property and / or liability.

All Awards entrants and Awards attendees agree to indemnify WISE against all costs, claims, damages and expenses that any Awards entrant and / or Awards attendee incurs as a result of, or in connection with; any breach of this agreement by WISE; or any complaint or claim made or brought against WISE in respect of any act or omission on the part of any Awards entrant, its representatives, Awards guests or any Awards attendee.

During the event, alcoholic beverages will be served for the enjoyment of attendees. WISE strongly advise all Awards attendees to keep within the UK legal drink driving alcohol limits. By agreeing to these terms & conditions, all Awards attendees accept full responsibility for their own actions and acknowledge and agree that WISE, the event suppliers, the venue and event sponsors will not be

held responsible for any attendees actions following the consumption of alcohol, or from any related or non-related circumstance which may occur prior, during or following the Awards reception.

While peanuts or other tree nuts may not be an ingredient in the food served at the Awards reception, menu items may be produced in the same area as food containing various nuts. WISE, the event caterers, suppliers and the venue hereby advise sufferers of nut allergies that inadvertent cross-contamination of nuts and nut traces may occur. Any attendee with dietary allergy(/ies) should identify themselves to WISE in advance of the Event.

Prior and following the Awards, WISE will produce a comprehensive media / publicity campaign highlighting the Awards, Awards categories, winners, runners-up and finalists. All Awards entrants, winners, runners-up and finalists grant WISE the right to use content, images and film for the promotion of the Awards, and for the commercial promotion of WISE and any WISE event.

All Awards entrants, winners, runners-up and finalists grant WISE the right to use and reproduce their name, biographical details as submitted in the entry, image, trademark and company logo for pre-event, onsite and post-event marketing of the Awards as appropriate, and for the commercial promotion of WISE and any WISE event.

Photography and filming by WISE's approved photographers and film crews may take place during the Awards. Photographers will be required to respect the wishes of any attendees who do not wish to be photographed or filmed. All consenting attendees agree to offer WISE the exclusive right to use any image or film footage taken during the Awards event for the promotion of the Awards, and for the commercial promotion of WISE and any WISE event.

All winners, runners-up and finalists of The WISE Awards 2026 will be given the entitlement to display the appropriate WISE Awards winner, runners-up and finalist logo on their websites and corporate marketing materials for their own promotion. Category winners, runners-up and finalists may only use the official logo in connection with the Award for which they have won or announced as a finalist. The logo must be that provided for the purpose by WISE, must not be altered, and the year of the Award clearly displayed.

By registering for this Event, you grant consent to WISE to contact you with information relating to this event only. During registration, the participant will have the option to opt in to further marketing from the WISE Campaign and relevant activities from the Institution of Engineering and Technology, WISE's parent company. Consent to Marketing can be withdrawn at any time. Due to data protection regulations, attendee lists for the Awards are not offered by WISE.

The attendee numbers anticipated for the Awards are for guidance purposes only and WISE gives no assurance or warranty that the anticipated attendee numbers will be achieved.

These terms shall be governed by the laws of England and Wales and the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

#### **Data Protection:**

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who they wish to name on the Application Form before submitting the Application Form. They will then be contacted separately, if contact details are provided, to offer them the opportunity to sign up to further WISE communications.

Your details will be entered into the WISE database to help us process your entry more efficiently and to keep you informed of information in relation to this event. Should you sign up to marketing but then wish to opt out you can unsubscribe at any time using the link in any email sent to you. Alternatively, you can write to us at [wiseevents@theiet.org](mailto:wiseevents@theiet.org). For more information on how WISE processes your Personal Data, please visit the Privacy Notice on our website at [Privacy Policy - WISE \(wisecampaign.org.uk\)](http://wisecampaign.org.uk).

**Event attendance:**

A complimentary event registration link will be sent to all finalists to register themselves and a plus one.

Should you experience any problems, or have any queries regarding your entry or nomination, please contact WISE at [wiseevents@theiet.org](mailto:wiseevents@theiet.org)