



**Business of Science**  
Innovation **Award**

# THE INNOVATION AWARDS 2026

**Science holds future answers, it is ours  
to create, plan... and dream**

Can you create an imaginative solution to a problem?

Can you make a difference to how people live their lives?

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# SCIENCE DREAMS

## Solving problems with innovative solutions

This may be a big issue like water shortages or plastic use, or a small local one such as how to make recycling easier in your home. With **£250** to be won for all shortlisted entries, and **£1000** for the winners, get started with the first step and dare to dream! The only limit is your imagination!

The award is designed to encourage submissions from people who want to solve problems through science, or who want science to solve problems.

## How to Enter

Capture your dreams and idea through a picture, a paragraph (or two), or a combination of both on one page and submit it through the Business of Science Conference site [www.theinnovationawards.co.uk](http://www.theinnovationawards.co.uk)

### Key Dates

Entries Open:

**Tue 13th Jan**

Closing Date:

**Fri 20th March**

Judging Day:

**Tue 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Shortlist Notified:

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Winners

Announced:

**Thur 14th May**

The judges will use the following criteria to select the shortlist in each category (primary, secondary and 18+). The shortlisted entrants are invited to the Business of Science Conference on 14th May, their posters displayed where they will explain their ideas to interested delegates, and the winners voted for by the conference guests.



## Entry Criteria

1/ General qualities of and aspiration of the idea – does it represent an ambitious dream or a significant improvement to an existing approach?

2/ Aesthetic and Design qualities – what could be possible?

3/ The product's intended use / function and use value. How can it make a positive impact to the quality of life for its users or those affected by its use?

4/ Why does the product / idea deserve the BoS Innovation Award, including specifics regarding its unique / novel features and application and what others would find attractive?

5/ How significant / ambitious and practical is the product / idea and could it revolutionise a current process, application or approach to a need or problem?

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