



Technical Excellence Awards 2026

Recognising technical colleagues who demonstrate outstanding excellence
across four key performance categories

Format of the Awards

- ❑ Our awards are shaped around the four pillars of the Technician Commitment:
Visibility, Recognition, Career Development, and Sustainability.
- ❑ Within each pillar, there are awards celebrating different areas of contribution. Final award titles and number of awards will vary depending on the nominations received.
- ❑ The examples provided under each pillar are **illustrative, not exhaustive**—we welcome nominations for any work that aligns with the spirit of that pillar.
- ❑ The judging panel may move nominations between pillars to ensure the best fit.
- ❑ These will be **presented at our annual event taking place on 17th June 2026** – more details of this event to follow.

Technical Excellence Award Categories

Examples of types of contribution that could be awarded are provided under each category

VISIBILITY

- Sustainability Champion
- Service Excellence
- Outreach & Community Impact
- Contribution to Research, Teaching & Learning
- Good Citizenship & Culture

RECOGNITION

- Outstanding Contribution – Above and Beyond
- Technical Team Achievement
- Project Excellence
- Infrastructure, Facilities & Technical Operations
- Outstanding Technician of the Year

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Early Career/Newcomer
- Leadership & Management Excellence
- Apprentice/Trainee Technician Award

SUSTAINABILITY

- Contribution to Research & Innovation
- Lifetime Achievement
- Ambassador of the Future of Technical Operations

VISIBILITY

Raising the profile and promotion of technical work

As a community, our contributions are essential but not always visible. Visibility and promotion of our service is something that as a network we strive to ensure for our colleagues.

The Visibility Awards celebrate our colleagues who champion and promote technical expertise, both within the institution and beyond, through outreach supporting communities, engagement, and advocacy, helping to showcase the vital role of technical professionals.

RECOGNITION

**Excellence in technical delivery, collaboration or innovation.
Recognition for doing the job exceptionally well, individually
or collectively.**

As the often-hidden work force, our contributions can often appear unseen and undervalued. As a network we are committed to recognising and celebrating the expertise, dedication, and impact of our colleagues.

The Recognition Awards recognise individuals and teams who consistently go above and beyond, delivering outstanding service, driving innovation, and ensuring the effective operation of our teaching, research, and infrastructure.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Supporting growth, leadership and learning

Investing in people is key to the future of technical services. Through teaching, mentoring, and leadership, our community continues to grow and evolve to meet future challenges.

The Career Development Awards recognise our colleagues at all stages of their development, from apprentices and early career professionals demonstrating strong potential, to experienced leaders who support, mentor, and shape the next generation.

SUSTAINABILITY

Long-term impact, and future-focused contribution

The sustainability of exceptional technical expertise is essential to ensure the continuation of service excellence. Maintaining and sharing those skills with future generations of the technical work force is imperative to the preservation of teaching, research and innovation and allows our communities to build a better future.

The Sustainability Awards celebrate our colleagues who embed lasting improvements, champion innovation, or share their expertise to strengthen our community, leaving a legacy that future generations of technical staff can build upon.

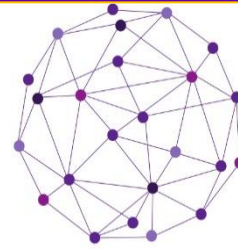
How to Nominate

- ❑ All nominations should be submitted via the Nomination Form which can be accessed using the QR code on the right (we will also be sending around a link via email to this form)
- ❑ Choose the pillar you believe best fits the contribution.
- ❑ Describe your colleague's impact and achievements.
- ❑ Suggest a specific award category/type of contribution - Don't worry if you're unsure – the judging panel will ensure each nomination is considered in the most appropriate category.
- ❑ We welcome nominations for **any contribution that aligns with the spirit of the pillars** — the examples above are illustrative, not exhaustive.
- ❑ Let's celebrate the outstanding work of our technical community!

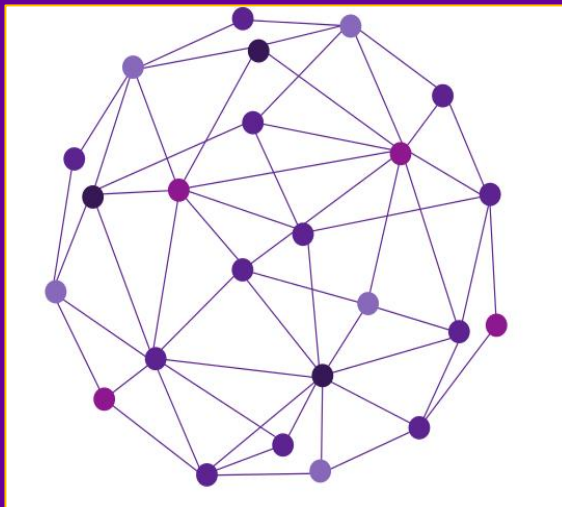


Technical Excellence at Manchester

Raising, Recognising & Empowering: TEaM



10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION



DESIGN OUR 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY LOGO TO
CELEBRATE OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEaM
AND WIN A £50 VOUCHER TO SPEND!



Submit entries using the form linked through the QR code on the right.

Deadline of 22nd April. One entry per person