

BCS Lovelace Medal

PREPARING A NOMINATION

Thank you for helping us to highlight and appreciate extraordinary people and their exceptional contributions to computing. This document is provided to help anyone preparing a nomination for the BCS Lovelace Medal.

When ready, nominations should be submitted through the appropriate online nomination link on the BCS website at [BCS Lovelace Medal](#).

In addition to the information outlined below, entries need to include the full name and contact details for both nominator and nominee

During the submission, nominators are asked to confirm that to the best of their knowledge there is no impediment, relating to professional conduct, to their nominee receiving this prize.

Endorsers will be contacted separately. They will be asked to confirm their endorsement, provide a short statement of support, and also confirm that to the best of their knowledge there is no impediment, relating to professional conduct, to the nominee receiving this prize.

Nominations should be written for a general computing audience, addressing the Selection Criteria. These are provided below. In preparing your nomination, you may also wish to refer to general guidance for nominations available at [Lovelace Medal | BCS](#)

Selection Criteria

Nominations will be reviewed for the quality of the candidates' work, the innovative nature of the work, its overall impact on computing research, as well as for their broader contribution to the computing community.

The Selection Panel will base their evaluations on the overall quality of relevant contributions and achievements by nominees, in relation to the selection criteria listed below.

The scientific content of any supporting publications, as described in the nomination, is much more important than publication metrics or the identity of the outlet in which it is published.

The Selection Panel will consider the following aspects of nominations for this prize:

- originality, significance and impact of research, innovation.
- quality of publications and/or patents and/or software.
- collaborations and teamwork, supporting the development of colleagues and encouraging wider collaboration.
- consideration of ethical and societal implications within their research and its direction.
- professional standing.
- quality of contributions to and impact on availability and quality of educational provision and raising the profile and reach of computing.
- scale and quality of computing talent that has been inspired, nurtured and developed through their efforts.
- championing and advancing inclusion and diversity in computing education.

- supporting the development of colleagues and encouraging wider collaboration.

The Selection Panel will also consider the nominee's wider contributions to the computing community, and to making IT good for society. Examples of relevant contributions could include, but are not limited to:

- Involvement with BCS member groups/networks or in similar societies and communities of practice.
- Advancing equality, diversity and inclusion
- Advocacy for computing
- Public engagement and outreach, advancing public understanding of computing
- Effective mentorship
- Service on boards, committees or panels
- Leadership in the scientific community
- Peer-reviewing

Nomination Questions

Responses to the nomination questions should address the selection criteria. These are summarised at [Lovelace Medal | BCS](#) and described in more detail above.

SHORT CITATION

Short Citation:

Briefly describe what the nominee should be recognised for. This must be no longer than 250 characters including spaces and no longer than one sentence

Prepare your response here.

CONTRIBUTION TO COMPUTING

Contribution to computing

How has your nominee contributed to the understanding and advancement of computing? Maximum 250 words.

Prepare your response here.

IMPACT

Impact

How would you describe the impact of your nominee's contribution on the computing discipline, related fields or practice? Maximum 250 words

Prepare your response here.

EXCEPTIONALISM

Exceptionalism

What, in your view, makes your nominee's contribution exceptional and enduring? Maximum 250 words

Prepare your response here.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Links to any supporting references, publications or other evidence that support your reasons for nomination

Prepare your response here.

What happens next?

- We will review your nomination and get in touch with you if we have any questions or need further information.
- Nominations close on 31st December 2026
- All completed nominations will be reviewed by a Selection Panel and a shortlist will be drawn up.
- A final selection panel meeting will take place to agree on the winner(s) for the Lovelace Medal 2025.
- The winner(s) will be contacted and asked if they would like to accept the award.
- Once confirmation of acceptance is received an announcement will be made confirming the winner(s) for 2026.