# BCS Roger Needham Award

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 Roger Needham Award. When ready, nominations should be submitted through the appropriate online nomination link on the BCS website at [Roger Needham Award | BCS](https://www.bcs.org/events/awards-and-competitions/roger-needham-award/).

In addition to the information outlined below, entries need to include the following:

* Full name and contact details for both nominator and nominee
* Name and email address of someone who will endorse your nomination

During the submission, you will be asked to confirm that the nominee either completed their doctoral studies between 1st January 2011 and 31st December 2022, or completed their doctoral studies earlier than 1st January 2011 but due to significant periods of parental leave they have completed no-more than 12 years of post-doctoral work. The previous limit of 10 years has been extended in 2023 following a pause in the Needham Award in 2021 and 2022.

You will also be asked to confirm that to the best of your knowledge there is no impediment, relating to professional conduct, to your 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 [Roger Needham Award | BCS](https://www.bcs.org/events/awards-and-competitions/roger-needham-award/)

# 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 of research
* Significance or impact of research
* Quality of publications and/or patents and/or software
* Innovation
* Professional standing
* Collaborations and teamwork
* Supporting the development of colleagues and encouraging wider collaboration.
* The extent to which they have incorporated ethical and societal implications into their research and its direction
* Other indicators of esteem indicated by the nominator
* Whether the nominee has a sufficient direct connection to the UK

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 [Roger Needham Award | BCS](https://www.bcs.org/events/awards-and-competitions/roger-needham-award/) and described in more detail above.

## Short Citation

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| Please provide a short citation (up to 60 words) to briefly describe what the nominee should be awarded for. Should your nominee be successful, this citation may be used in public communications. |
| Prepare your response here. |

## Nominee’s Contributions

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| Please describe the contributions your nominee has made to computing research, in academia or industry (up to 250 words). You may wish to focus on the nominee's most significant contributions. |
| Prepare your response here. |

## Nominee’s Impact

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| Please describe the impact of your nominee's contributions to computing research (up to 250 words). How has their work advanced knowledge, furthered discovery, or accelerated innovation? What is the scope and scale of their impact? |
| Prepare your response here. |

## Nominee’s Exceptionality

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| What, in your view, makes your nominee’s contribution exceptional (up to 250 words)? How is their work remarkable or differentiated? In what ways do their efforts stand out from the crowd? |
| Prepare your response here. |

## Nominee’s Wider Contribution

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| Please describe how your nominee has contributed more broadly to the computing community, and to making IT good for society (up to 150 words). The purpose of this section is to capture additional contributions by nominees, beyond their computing research contributions, which have a focus on giving something back to the community. Please don’t repeat your nominee’s contributions as mentioned above, use the space to provide us with new information. |
| Prepare your response here. |

## Supporting Evidence

You will be asked to upload a CV for the nominee during the online submission. There is also an opportunity to provide links to additional supporting evidence.

The CV for the nominee should be up-to-date and no longer than two (2) A4 sides at 11pt text. It should include a summary of their education and career, and a maximum of 5 relevant publications or patents.

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| Please provide up to 5 links to supporting evidence, each with a sentence to explain its significance. |
| Prepare your response here. |

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