# BCS Lovelace Medal for Computing Research

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 for Computing Research.

When ready, nominations should be submitted through the appropriate online nomination link on the BCS website at [Lovelace Medal | BCS](https://www.bcs.org/events/awards-and-competitions/lovelace-medal/).

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, 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](https://www.bcs.org/events/awards-and-competitions/lovelace-medal/)

# 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 [Lovelace Medal | BCS](https://www.bcs.org/events/awards-and-competitions/lovelace-medal/) 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 Your response should address the selection criteria. If your nominee has worked as part of a team, please ensure it is clear what contribution your nominee made. |
| 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 beyond what would be considered ‘normal’ at this stage of their career? 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.** Think about the impact on the wider community for their work. This should demonstrate why this nominee should be considered. What has the reach been? Use figures if possible for scale |
| Prepare your response here. |

## Supporting Evidence

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| You will be asked to provide:   * A link to an up-to-date CV which should be**NO LONGER THAN TWO (2) A4 SIDES AT 11pt TEXT**. CVs that are more than 2 pages will not be considered.  It should include a summary of their education and career, and a maximum of 10 relevant publications or patents.   **OR**   * An up-to-date LinkedIn or detailed biography for the nominee, including a summary of their education and career, and a **maximum of 10**relevant publications or patents |
| 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.
* Once we are satisfied that the nomination is complete, we will contact the person you have identified as a supporter for your nomination.
* Nominations close on 19th May
* 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 in June 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 2025.

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