



Innovation Award

Purpose

The Innovation Award recognises organisations that have demonstrated exceptional innovation within the chemical supply chain through the development and implementation of new products, services, technologies, processes, or ways of working.

This award celebrates businesses that challenge conventional thinking, solve industry challenges, improve performance, and create measurable value for customers, employees, communities, and the wider chemical sector. The innovation may relate to manufacturing, product development, sustainability, logistics, digitalisation, safety, customer service, operational excellence, supply chain resilience, or any other area that has delivered significant and demonstrable benefits.

Eligibility

- Open to all members operating within or supporting the chemical supply chain.
- Entries may focus on a single innovation, a programme of innovations, or a transformational business initiative.
- The innovation must have been implemented, piloted, or delivered measurable results within the previous 24 months.
- Joint entries between organisations are permitted where collaboration was central to the innovation.

1. Innovation and Originality (25%)

Evidence that the initiative represents a genuinely innovative approach to addressing a challenge or opportunity.

Judges will look for:

- Originality and creativity
- Development of new products, services, technologies, or processes
- Novel application of existing technologies or ideas
- Innovation that challenges traditional approaches
- Clear differentiation from standard industry practices

2. Addressing an Industry Challenge or Opportunity (15%)

Evidence that the innovation addresses a recognised business, operational, environmental, safety, or customer need.

Judges will look for:

- Clear identification of the challenge or opportunity
- Understanding of industry needs and priorities
- Alignment with strategic business or industry objectives

- Practical application and relevance
- Evidence that the innovation solves a real problem

3. Impact and Measurable Results (25%)

Evidence that the innovation has delivered meaningful and quantifiable benefits.

Judges will look for:

- Measurable business improvements
- Improved efficiency, productivity, or performance
- Enhanced customer outcomes
- Safety, environmental, or sustainability benefits
- Financial, operational, or commercial gains
- Data demonstrating successful outcomes

4. Contribution to Responsible Care and Sustainability (10%)

Evidence that the innovation supports responsible and sustainable business practices.

Judges will look for:

- Improvements in health, safety, or environmental performance
- Sustainability benefits
- Resource efficiency improvements
- Reduced environmental impact
- Support for Responsible Care principles
- Positive social or community outcomes

5. Collaboration and Implementation Excellence (10%)

Evidence of effective delivery and stakeholder engagement.

Judges will look for:

- Cross-functional teamwork
- Collaboration with customers, suppliers, partners, or academia
- Successful implementation and adoption
- Employee engagement and involvement
- Effective project management and execution

6. Scalability and Future Potential (15%)

Evidence that the innovation has the potential to deliver ongoing benefits and wider industry value.

Judges will look for:

- Long-term sustainability of the innovation
- Potential for wider adoption or replication
- Future development opportunities
- Strategic significance to the organisation
- Potential impact on the wider chemical supply chain

Submission Requirements

Entrants should provide:

Innovation Overview

- Description of the innovation

- The challenge or opportunity addressed
- Why the innovation was needed

Development and Implementation

- How the innovation was developed
- Key stakeholders involved
- Implementation process and challenges overcome

Results and Impact

- Evidence of measurable outcomes
- Performance data and supporting metrics
- Customer, employee, or stakeholder feedback
- Business and industry benefits achieved

Future Plans

- Next steps and future development
- Opportunities for wider adoption or scaling

Judging Considerations

Judges will place particular emphasis on:

- Genuine innovation rather than routine improvement
- Demonstrable and measurable outcomes
- Benefits to customers, employees, and the wider industry
- Contribution to Responsible Care and sustainability objectives
- Practical implementation and commercial viability
- Potential to influence future industry practices

Examples of Eligible Innovations

- New chemical products or formulations
- Sustainable chemistry solutions
- Digital transformation projects
- Artificial intelligence and automation initiatives
- Process optimisation and manufacturing improvements
- Supply chain visibility and resilience solutions
- Logistics and warehousing innovations
- Safety and risk management technologies
- Sustainability and carbon reduction initiatives
- Circular economy and resource recovery solutions
- Customer service and business model innovations

What Makes a Winning Entry?

The ideal recipient will have successfully translated innovative thinking into practical action, delivering measurable benefits for their organisation, customers, and the wider chemical supply chain while demonstrating the potential to influence future industry practices.

This award deliberately rewards **outcomes rather than ideas alone**. A company doesn't win simply because it invented something new; it wins because that innovation has been successfully implemented and has delivered clear value to the business, customers, society, or the chemical supply chain.

Eligibility Period

The innovation must have been implemented or delivered measurable results within the previous 24 months.

Word Limit

1,500–2,000 words plus supporting evidence.

Closing Date

The closing date for entries is **5pm on Wednesday 9th September 2026**

NB

All applications **must** include the following basic information at the top of the first page; Name | Job Title | Company | Email Address | Telephone No.

Please send your completed entry and any supporting documentation to:

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using the Award title in the subject line

All entries should be sent as a PDF file with any supporting documentation added as appendices