



## Sustainability Award

### Purpose

The Sustainability Award recognises members within the chemical and allied industries that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to sustainable development through responsible operations, environmental stewardship, sustainable innovation, and measurable improvements in environmental, social, and economic performance.

The award celebrates companies that are embedding sustainability into their business strategy, manufacturing processes, products, supply chains, and decision-making while contributing to a more sustainable future for the industry and wider society.

### 1. Sustainability Leadership and Strategy (15%)

Evidence that sustainability is integrated into business planning, decision-making, and organisational culture.

Judges will look for:

- A clearly defined sustainability strategy with measurable objectives
- Leadership commitment and accountability
- Integration of sustainability into operational and investment decisions
- Employee engagement in sustainability initiatives
- Alignment of sustainability goals with business growth and resilience

### 2. Environmental Performance and Resource Efficiency (25%)

Evidence of initiatives that have reduced environmental impacts and improved operational efficiency.

Judges will look for:

- Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
- Improvements in energy efficiency
- Waste minimisation and resource optimisation
- Water stewardship and conservation initiatives
- Reduction of environmental risks and impacts
- Demonstrable improvements against established baselines

### 3. Sustainable Operations and Practices (15%)

Evidence of improvements that enhance the sustainability of operational activities.

Judges will look for:

- Process optimisation and efficiency improvements
- Adoption of cleaner technologies
- Reduction in raw material consumption, use or procurement
- Improvements in operational sustainability performance
- Responsible management of resources throughout production processes

#### **4. Sustainable Innovation and Product Stewardship (20%)**

Evidence of innovation that contributes to sustainability outcomes for customers, society, or the environment.

Judges will look for:

- Development of more sustainable products or formulations
- Sustainable chemistry innovations
- Product stewardship initiatives
- Circular economy solutions
- Technologies that help customers reduce their environmental footprint
- Consideration of product lifecycle impacts

#### **5. Supply Chain and Stakeholder Engagement (10%)**

Evidence of collaboration to improve sustainability performance beyond the organisation's own operations.

Judges will look for:

- Sustainable procurement practices
- Supplier engagement and improvement programmes
- Collaboration with customers, industry partners, academia, or communities
- Sharing of best practice and industry learning
- Transparent and traceable sustainability reporting and communication

#### **6. Measurable Impact and Continuous Improvement (15%)**

Evidence that sustainability initiatives have delivered meaningful and lasting results.

Judges will look for:

- Quantifiable environmental, social, or economic benefits
- Clear performance indicators and supporting data
- Demonstration of continuous improvement over time
- Evidence of sustained outcomes rather than one-off achievements
- Ambitious future targets and improvement plans

#### **Submission Requirements**

Entrants should provide:

- An overview of their sustainability strategy and objectives
- Details of initiatives undertaken during the eligibility period
- Evidence of leadership involvement and employee engagement
- Quantitative data demonstrating improvements achieved
- Examples of innovation, collaboration, or best practice
- Future sustainability commitments and targets

#### **Judging Considerations**

Judges will place particular emphasis on:

- Measurable environmental improvements
- Contribution to sustainable chemistry and responsible operations
- Innovation that creates positive sustainability outcomes
- Evidence of long-term commitment and continuous improvement
- Transferable learning that could benefit the wider industry

**Eligibility Period**

Activities, projects, or programmes undertaken within the previous 24 months.

**Word Limit**

1000 words plus supporting evidence.

**Closing Date**

The closing date for entries is **5pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**[awards@chemical.org.uk](mailto:awards@chemical.org.uk)**

**using the Award title in the subject line**

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