

Terms and Conditions

Real Innovation Awards

The Real Innovation Awards (Awards/Event) are organised by London Business School (“we”, “us”, “our” “organiser” “LBS”).

These are the terms and conditions upon which each nomination entry shall be subject. By nomination/entry, the Applicant (“you”) agrees to accept these terms and conditions and any amendments to these terms and conditions. LBS reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions at any time and such changes shall be deemed to be notified to you by their publication online.

Entries

The Real Innovation Awards are free to enter. Applicants must be over the age of 18. You can nominate any individual or business in any trading sector. If nominating a business then that business can be a private or public limited company, a partnership or limited liability partnership, a business unit within a company, a social enterprise, a not-for-profit organisation, a public sector organisation or charity.

Nominations are open from March to May. Entries must be made in English using the Application Form. You must complete all compulsory sections of the Application Form and submit it. LBS reserves the right to cancel entries not received in full by the deadline. Entries received after the deadline will not be considered. It is your responsibility to make sure that entries are completed and submitted. No liability for entries lost or delayed will be accepted. Nominations will not be returned and will not be accessible online once you have submitted the Application Form, so please remember to keep a copy for yourself. You will have the option to download a summary of your application after you completed the nomination.

You will receive confirmation of receipt of your completed and valid online application after nominations have closed. If you do not receive this confirmation, please contact us here.

Your nomination entry will be shortlisted solely on the information provided in the entry form. You should therefore provide sufficient information about the business or individual, including how they match the main criteria for the category they’ve been nominated, to

enable a fair assessment. The nomination entry must not contain material that is untruthful, unlawful, in violation of or contrary to the laws or regulations in any authority where the nomination is created or submitted.

You may only nominate an individual or business for one award category. We may reallocate an entry to a different category. Judges have the right to determine the standard of an Award and to withhold an Award in any category if, in their view, entries are not of sufficient merit.

You may nominate and make applications on behalf of a business or an individual within a business with which you have a direct connection (e.g. as employee or shareholder). Such 'Self Nominations' are accepted on condition that the application is completed fully and accurately; and the business or person nominated is aware of the entry. Nominees should also be willing to be publicly shortlisted and to accept the Award if they win.

It is a condition that applicants must declare whether they, or the business they represent, are involved in (or could be involved in) any dispute or judgement that could in any way significantly interfere with the proper conduct and reputation of the Real Innovation Awards.

Confidentiality

Information supplied as part of entries will be treated as confidential and only used for the purposes of the Awards.

Applicants should not disclose any information that is confidential or those aspects of their business that may be patentable, registerable or otherwise secret and governed by intellectual property, copyright or similar legislation.

Data Protection

The Organisers will not publish the list of nominations. However, we will publish the names and descriptions of the shortlisted nominations. For Self-Nominations it is assumed that the business or individual gives their consent to be shortlisted. For other (Third Party nominations) the Organisers will attempt to contact the nominated business or individual to seek its consent to be publicly shortlisted.

By entering or accepting to be shortlisted, you agree to share information required for the judging purposes and reasonable use of your company and/or publication name in promotional material and news reporting. Winning entries will be displayed at the Awards

ceremony and the RIA pages; and as conditions of entry and/or acceptance of any award a licence is granted to LBS for these purposes.

In submitting a nomination, you agree to authorise us to share information relating to the Awards in our publications and with our media partners and you may be required to participate in photography and /or filming sessions. You agree that we have the right to use all the resulting publicity materials in any manner or media we see fit.

You agree that we may, but are not required to, make your entry available on our website and any other media, and in connection with any publicity of the awards You agree to grant us a non-exclusive, worldwide, irrevocable licence, for the full period of any intellectual property rights in the awards entry and any accompanying materials, to use, display, publish, transmit, copy, edit, alter, store, re-format and sub-licence the awards entry and any accompanying materials for such purposes.

You acknowledge that you have read and agreed to the Privacy Policy on our website.

Judging Process

All nominations are judged against the criteria set out in the Categories.

The purpose of the RIA is to identify innovations that are 'current' – that is, they have directly resulted in distinctive products or services that are available today. We understand that many innovations take time to evolve and come to market and so the judges will consider any innovation (or individual who actively contributed to the development of an innovation) that originated over the last 10 years.

The applications will be reviewed by the shortlisting team chosen by the Organisers and a shortlist of up to 30 Award semi-finalists will be identified, with this decision being made in the Organisers' sole and absolute discretion.

The judging process will follow the timeline published on our RIA webpages. The organisers reserve the right to change the deadlines should circumstances necessitate.

The successful Award semi-finalists will be notified of their progression to the next round by email and/or by telephone on or as soon as possible after July. Should any of the nominees withdraw throughout the process, the next suitable runner up will be added to the shortlist if circumstances permit.

There are two types of selection processes:

- The "Peoples' Choice" Award, being an online voting system whereby any individual can vote for a winner in each category

- The “Judges’ Choice” Award, chosen by a panel of judges assembled by the Organisers.

The judges' decisions are final, and no judge will enter conversation or correspondence about decisions that have been made. There can be no appeal against the decisions of the judges and these decisions must be accepted as final in respect of all matters concerning the Real Innovation Awards, including the interpretation of the conditions of entry.

Peoples’ Choice votes are limited to one vote per person for each category. We reserve the right to void the award or fraudulent votes should it come to our attention that entries were received using fraudulent activities or software. We will either discount the fraudulent votes or disqualify the nominee depending on the circumstances.

The Peoples’ Choice winners will be announced shortly after the online voting ends. The Judges’ Choice winners will be published by LBS publications, website and by other media partners.

Winning candidates will be notified by mid-October and they or a representative will be invited to receive the awards on the Awards night. All shortlisted individuals or companies will be offered an invitation to the Real Innovation Awards night.

LBS is not obliged to provide feedback on individual entries that have either not made the shortlist or won an award.

Liability

These Terms and Conditions constitute the entire agreement of the parties. In entering into this agreement, the parties have not relied on, and shall have no remedy in respect of, any statement, representation, warranty, understanding, promise or assurance (whether negligently or innocently made) of any person other than as expressly set out in this agreement.

In the event of fire, flood or without limit other causes that the Organiser reasonably believes to be substantial or that are beyond the Organiser's control, the Organiser reserves the right to change the times, dates and the venues of the Event, without incurring any liability to you.

The Organiser reserves the right, at its sole discretion, at any time and from time to time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, this Award programme with or without prior notice and without any liability to any Applicants. Our decision in all matters under our control shall be final and binding.

Although we will do our best to provide constant, uninterrupted access to the Award Website, we do not guarantee this. We accept no responsibility or liability for any third-party software used on our site or for any interruption or delay caused by it.

To the full extent allowed by law and insofar as it is reasonable to do so, entrants to the Awards agree not to hold the organisers liable for any damage or loss suffered or incurred in connection with entering and participating in the Awards. These include consequential (i.e. losses which are not incurred as a direct consequence of the event leading to any claim) or indirect losses or loss of profit, through entering the Awards, attending the Awards, alteration of the Awards schedule, cancellation of the Awards, or any error or omission on the part of LBS. This provision does not reduce or restrict Organiser's liability for death or personal injury caused by LBS's negligence or liability for fraud on the part of LBS.

These terms and conditions are governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with English law. The place of performance is London. Any disputes arising in relation to the interpretation of these terms and conditions or in relation to any agreement of which these terms and conditions form part, which cannot be settled amicably, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.