

## Science and Technology Honours

The honours system rewards outstanding achievement by individuals in their field of expertise. Two rounds of honours take place each year, with announcements made in the New Year and on the Queen's Birthday.

### Process

The [Science and Technology \(S&T\) Honours Committee](#) considers nominations from the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medical research, as well as economic and social sciences. It is one of nine committees which oversee the award of public honours.

The nominations received from organisations and members of the public are initially assessed by an independent committee chaired by the Government Chief Scientific Adviser (GCSA). The committee comprises:

- the Chief Executive Officers of the six science Research Councils;
- the Director General of the Knowledge and Innovation Group; and
- two members nominated by the Royal Society and the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Following the initial assessment the GCSA submits a shortlist of nominations for the S&T Honours Committee who make their recommendation to the Main Honours Committee. The final Honours list is subject to the approval of the Prime Minister and the Queen.

### When to nominate

Nominations for S&T Honours can be submitted at any time. To be considered for the New Year round, citations must be received by early May. For the Queen's Birthday round, citations must be received by early October.

Nominations will be automatically put forward for consideration at the next available round. Nominations that are unsuccessful in a particular round will be considered in subsequent rounds until the Committee concludes that further consideration cannot be justified.

### How to nominate

Download the [nomination form](#).

The following is a checklist of tasks for submitting a nomination

- Download the nomination form
- Read the guidance provided and follow the detailed instructions
- Ensure you have the two letters of support required for each nomination.
- Submit your nomination

Full guidance on how to write a good citation form is available from the link above.