Science, Technology and Research 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 Sovereign's Birthday.

Process

The Science, Technology and Research (STR) Honours Committee considers nominations from the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics; social, political and economic and sciences; and research in all areas including the arts, humanities and medicine. It is one of ten committees which oversee the award of public honours.

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 Executive Chairs of the seven science, technology and research UKRI Research Councils; and
- two members nominated by the Royal Society and the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Following this initial assessment the GCSA submits a shortlist of nominations for the STR 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 Sovereign.

When to nominate

Nominations for STR Honours can be submitted at any time. To be considered for the New Year round, citations must be received by the beginning of April. For the Sovereign's Birthday round, citations must be received by the end of September.

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

How to nominate

- 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 Cabinet Office or you can access a STR Honours panel discussion here.