

# The AWE Defence Industry Early Careers Engineering Prize



## Scope

The Worshipful Company of Engineers, Engineers Trust seeks nominations that recognise and celebrate a wide variety of defence engineering innovations and achievements across all defence industry sectors of the profession.

For the AWE Defence Industry Early Careers Engineering Prize, applications should be limited to work conducted within the last two years by those in the early stages of their engineering careers – whether following further or higher education, an apprenticeship, a career break, or a career change.

## Award Criteria

You will be asked to explain how the nominated innovation meets the judging criteria of:

- Contributes to enhancing the safety or performance of frontline members of the armed forces; or delivers a measurable financial saving to the Ministry of Defence (MOD).
- Benefits the wider engineering community and/or defence industry.

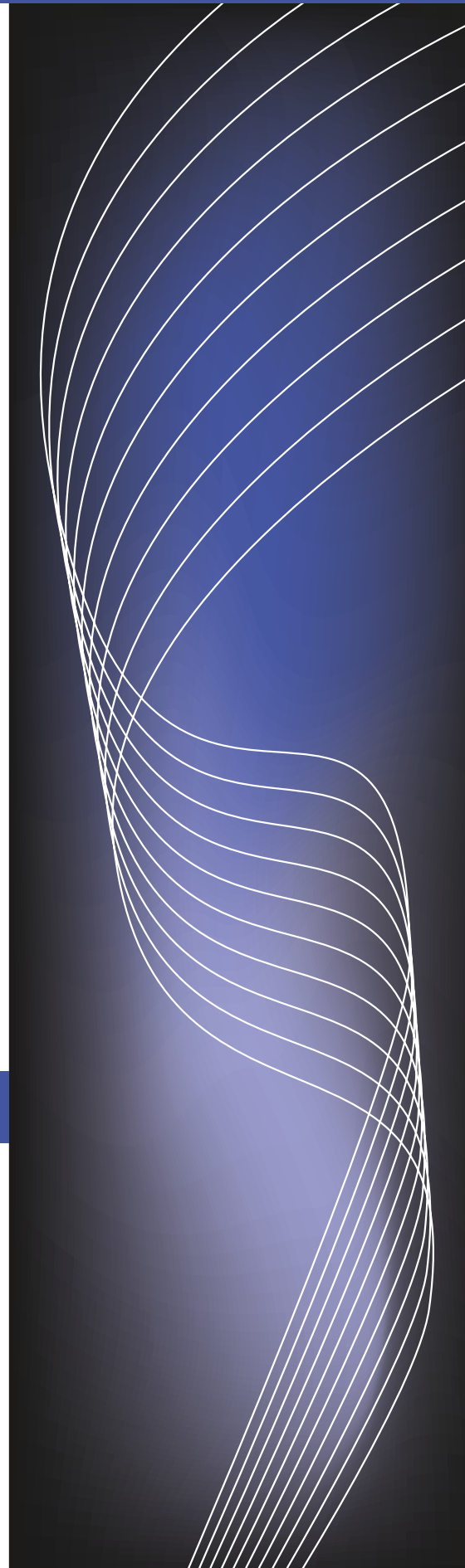
You will need to identify the engineer or engineers responsible for the work and provide two referees who are sufficiently knowledgeable to support the nomination. Whilst a classified project would not be excluded, per se, please ensure that the MOD or other suitable organisations are able to formally approve the release of information for general publication for prize administration, judging and publicity, prior to the application.

Although not encouraged, by exception an additional classified annexe to the submission may be considered by specific arrangement with the prize administrators.

**VALUE: £1,200 PRIZE**

## Eligibility

Any organisation, whether in the private, public or charity sectors, may apply for the award. Although the ultimate ownership of the organisation and the nationality of nominated individuals are not relevant, the evidence provided must clearly show the award criteria are met through substantial UK involvement. The organisation must nominate no more than five individuals who were the major contributors to the defence engineering project as part of the submission.



# Nomination Form (individual nomination)



**Full name of nominee:**

**Title:**

**Designatory letters:**

**Email address:**

**Contact number:**

**Employment:**

Employer, job title & max 50 words on  
responsibilities during award period  
(incl. prior employer if required)

**Full name of nominator:**

**Title:**

**Designatory letters:**

**Email address:**

**Contact number:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

## Referees

**1) Full name of nominee:**

**Title:**

**Designatory letters:**

**Email address:**

**Contact number:**

**Employment:**

**2) Full name of nominee:**

**Title:**

**Designatory letters:**

**Email address:**

**Contact number:**

**Employment:**

# Nomination Citation (individual)



**In no more than 500 words**, the nominator must give clear examples of how the nominee's innovation and approach in defence engineering supports the award criteria. They are expected to have known the nominee for at least two years and may consult with the nominee on the content of the submission.

Closing date for nomination is: 31 March 2026

Completed nomination forms should be sent to: [Defence-Engineering-Award@awe.co.uk](mailto:Defence-Engineering-Award@awe.co.uk)

For award, prize and application queries, contact: [Defence-Engineering-Award@awe.co.uk](mailto:Defence-Engineering-Award@awe.co.uk)